

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

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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

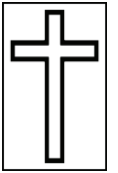
Pregnancy Hot Line

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



<u>Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sept. 28, 2024</u>
5:00 William Lombardi	Edward & Eileen Albert
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Sept. 29, 2024</u>
7:45 For the People of the Parish	
9:15 Geraldine Mauro (living)	St. Paul's Rel Ed
10:45 Charles Sr. & Edith Urgola	Family
12:15 Elsie Walsh	Carmine Carletto
1:30 Joseph Fecci	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Sept. 30, 2024</u>
9:00 Bill Turner Sr.	Mary & Bill Turner
12:00 Henry Kelly	Waltraud Droppelmann
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 2024</u>
9:00 Annie Ward	children
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Oct. 2, 2024</u>
9:00 Judith Teng	Annette Urgola
12:00 Fr. John Figueroa (living)	Roger/ Linda Hicks
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Oct. 3, 2024</u>
9:00 Ryan Morris (living)	
12:00 Thomas Ferguson	Laura Winterroth
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Oct. 4, 2024</u>
9:00 Aurea Areza (Bday - living)	
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Oct. 5, 2024</u>
9:00 Frank Leone	Ethel
12:00 Vincent & Marion DiPippo (living)	
5:00 Mary Gaughan (Anniversary)	daughter
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Oct. 6, 2024</u>
7:45 Peter & Frankie Daly	Daly family
9:15 For the People of the Parish	
10:45 Arthur Weiss & Mary Vargo	Urgola family
12:15 Kevin Duignan	Evelyn
1:30 Joseph Peter Ubriaco	Alicia Boland

The sick of *Our Parish* need your prayers.



Michael Curtin, Richard Lyons, Grace Lyons, Ayanah Audrey Naron, Denyse Guariglia, Irene DiGenno, Rene Laino, Barbara Dallow, Deirdra Fallon, Cresvic Flores, 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, Pete Coppa, Diana Curtin, Rosemary Libre, and Steven Guzzardi.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week, especially, Marie Barnes, Henry Bollers, Elaine Shine, Elizabeth Barry, Thelma Kelly, Patricia Lukasik, George Snyder Jr., Pam McLaughlin, Kevin P. Gorman, Kathleen Jenkins, Russell Amoruso, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Sept. 28 th	5:00 J. Kinney	
Sept. 29 th	7:45 S. Abraham	9:15 J. Barton
	10:45 A. Urgola	12:15 E. Slattery



STEWARDSHIP: Week of September 22, 2024

1 st Collection	\$3,519
2 nd Collection	\$1,047
Shrines	\$149
Online Giving	\$1,600
Total	\$6,315

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³¹ Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat.³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers. Luke 23:31-32

Jesus Said I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, No One Comes to the Father except through me.

Sift as wheat could also be expressed as “shake someone apart” or “break a person down.” Satan’s goal was to crush them and wreck their faith. In truth, the adversary wants to destroy the faith of every believer (John 10:10). But Jesus assured Peter, “I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers” (Luke 22:32, NLT). <https://www.gotquestions.org/sift-you-as-wheat.html> **Our Lord gave the mission to St. Peter and his successors to strengthen the brethren not confuse them. Luke 23:31-32**

Addressing an inter-religious meeting of young people in Singapore just before departing for his return flight to Rome, Pope Francis turned to one of the central themes of his pontificate — inter-religious dialogue. He stated: *If we start to fight amongst ourselves and say “my religion is more important than yours, my religion is true, yours is not,” where will that lead us? Where? Every religion is a way to arrive at God. There are different languages to arrive at God, but God is God for all. And how is God God for all? We are all sons and daughters of God. But my god is more important than your god, is that true? There is only one God and each of us has a language to arrive at God. Sikh, Muslim, Hindu, Christian, they are different paths.* He also reiterated something that was in a document called Abu Dhabi that God wills the diversity of religion, which on its face contradicts the Gospels. God’s permissive will tolerates the various religions but He sent His Son to preach the Gospel to all peoples and unite them. This cannot be simply glossed over as if religious truth does not exist.

Archbishop Charles Chaput, the emeritus—Archbishop of Philadelphia reacted to these words of the Pope assuming his good will in an essay on the website of the magazine *First Things*. He commented: Pope Francis has the habit, by now well established, of saying things that leave listeners confused and hoping he meant something other than what he actually said □ Francis ...added a call to enter into interreligious dialogue. He spoke about dialogue as if it were an end in itself. “Interreligious dialogue,” he said, “is something that creates a path.” The question then is: a path to where? That all religions have equal weight is an extraordinarily flawed idea for the Successor of Peter to appear to support. It is true that all of the great religions express a human yearning—often with beauty and wisdom—for something more than this life. Humans have a need to worship. That desire seems to be hardwired into our DNA. But not all religions are equal in their content or consequences. Substantial differences exist among the religions the pope named. They have very different notions of who God is and what that implies for the nature of the human person and society. As St. Paul preached two thousand years ago, the search for God can take many imperfect forms, but they are each an imperfect search for the one, true, triune God of Sacred Scripture. Paul condemns false religions and preaches Jesus Christ as the reality and fulfillment of the unknown God whom the Greeks worship (Acts 17:22–31). Simply put: Not all religions seek the same God, and some religions are both wrong and potentially dangerous, materially and spiritually. Catholics believe that Jesus Christ, once and forever, revealed to all humanity who God is.

He redeemed us by his death and resurrection, and he gave us the commission to bring all humanity to him. As our faith teaches very clearly, it is only Jesus Christ who saves. Christ is not merely one among other great teachers or prophets. To borrow a thought from C. S. Lewis, if Jesus were just one among many, he’d also be a liar, because he emphatically claimed that, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6). A loving God may accept the worship of any sincere and charitable heart—but salvation comes only through his only son, Jesus Christ. Which is why Jesus did not say, “Stay on your path, and let’s talk about it.”...The bishop of Rome is the spiritual and institutional head of the Catholic Church worldwide. This means, among other things, that he has the duty to teach the faith clearly and preach it evangelically. Loose comments can only confuse. Yet, too often, confusion infects and undermines the good will of this pontificate. See <https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2024/09/the-pope-and-other-religions>

Pope Pius XI in *Mortalium animos* rejected years ago(1928) ...**that false opinion which considers all religions to be more or less good and praiseworthy, since they all in different ways manifest and signify that sense which is inborn in us all, and by which we are led to God and to the obedient acknowledgment of His rule.** (emphasis added) *Not only are those who hold this opinion in error and deceived, but also in distorting the idea of true religion they reject it, and little by little turn aside to naturalism and atheism, as it is called; from which it clearly follows that one who supports those who hold these theories and attempt to realize them, is altogether abandoning the divinely revealed religion.*

Pope Paul VI whom the current Pope expressed special admiration for taught in his first encyclical, *Ecclesiam Suam*, the following: *Obviously we cannot agree with these various forms of religion, nor can we adopt an indifferent or uncritical attitude toward them on the assumption that they are all to be regarded as on an equal footing, and that there is no need for those who profess them to enquire whether or not God has Himself revealed definitively and infallibly how He wishes to be known, loved, and served. **Indeed, honesty compels us to declare openly our conviction that the Christian religion is the one and only true religion, and it is our hope that it will be acknowledged as such by all who look for God and worship Him.*** (emphasis added)

The document ***Dominus Iesus*** issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, now the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, in 2000 issued a declaration from the Catholic Church that clarifies Christian beliefs and the Church's role in salvation. **The Sovereign Pontiff John Paul II, at the Audience of June 16, 2000, ratified and confirmed this Declaration, adopted in Plenary Session and ordered its publication.** Some of the main points of the document include:

- Salvation** The Catholic Church is the instrument of God's salvation for all people, and salvation comes only through Jesus Christ.
- The Church** The Church is unique and necessary for salvation, and Jesus Christ continues his work of salvation through the Church.
- The Bible** The canonical books of the Old and New Testaments are inspired by the Holy Spirit and contain infallible truth about God and salvation.
- Other religions** The Church respects other religions, but it does not believe that other religions are equally salvific.
- Relativism** The document rejects religious relativism, which is the belief that all religions are equally good.
- Dialogue** The document states that the Church's beliefs do not hinder dialogue with other religions, **but that dialogue must be based on Christian beliefs.**

Dialogue had become a "magic bullet" in the years after the Vatican Council, as if it were a word with one meaning, and is the solution to all difficulties. **Dialogue does NOT mean that Jesus Christ is negotiable.** Archbishop Chaput pointed to St. Paul as an example of real dialogue in the *Acts of the Apostles* Chapter 17 where St Paul in Athens speaks to people in the market place as well as to Jews and God-fearing Greeks in the synagogue about Jesus. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. *Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" **They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.** They also said "You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean."* Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said:

"People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. "For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

-God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Jesus from the dead." When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject." At that, Paul left the Council. Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed.



*Frank Giaccio & Kristine-Joy Basa
Christopher Fitzpatrick & Anastasia Luna*

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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. Today is the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels and Wednesday is the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels. Watch: *Defeating the Devil; Power and Dominions: Angels, Demons and Spiritual Warfare; or Angels* by Fulton Sheen. Listen to: *Angels Explained*. Monday watch: *The Example of St. Jerome*, a Memorial for this Priest and Doctor of the Church. Tuesday on her Memorial, Watch: *Miracle of Saint Therese*, or *The Secret of Saint Therese*. Listen to: *Therese: The Story of a Soul*. On Friday Watch: *St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction; Saint Francis: Troubadour of God's Peace: Saint Francis of Assisi; or Francis: The Knight of Assisi*.

Archdiocesan Musicians' Breakfast – Musicians and music aficionados are invited to the 2nd annual archdiocesan musicians' breakfast, Sat., Oct. 26th, 9-11am at St. Joseph's Seminary, cost is \$30. Meet local parish musicians, listen to performances by St. Joseph Seminary's *schola cantorum* and young musicians who study in the archdiocesan Vocalist and Organist Training Programs. Register online at tinyurl.com/musiciansbreakfast.

K.O.C. Raffles: Our Knights of Columbus, Cardinal Hayes Council #3995 will be selling C&B raffles after all masses this weekend. Books are \$10 each. Please help support this worthy cause.

47th Annual Columbus Day Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Monday, October 14 at 9:30 am Admission is free, but tickets are required to enter the Cathedral until 9:15. If you would like to reserve your free tickets, please visit Eventbrite. The last day to request tickets is Mon., Sept. 30th. If you have any questions, please contact the Special Events office of the Archdiocese.



Religious Education classes have begun. Registration is open on the website and forms are available in the back of the church.

St. Joseph's Seminary will be hosting an evening lecture entitled, "Should Catholics be Organ Donors? A Review of the Latest Debates" on Thursday, October 10th, at 7pm by Dr. Charles Camosy, a nationally recognized Catholic moral theologian. Location: St. Joseph's Seminary Prayer Hall and online via Zoom. Tickets: \$25 (plus fees) For more Information and registration: SJSFALL2024AcademicLecture.eventbrite.com St Joseph's Seminary Academic Office - sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu or 914-968-6200 x8145

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Catholic Engaged Encounter - A pre-cana marriage preparation weekend to help you and your fiancé prepare for your life together as husband and wife. The in-person retreat is an alternative program that fulfills the pre-cana requirements of the Archdiocese of New York and other Dioceses. Catholic Engaged Encounter of Lower Hudson Valley has been supporting engaged couples for 50 years! Visit lowerhudsonvalley.engagedencounter.com or call 845-298-4772



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