

St. Paul the Apostle Parish



Lincoln Park

Fr. Leonard F. Villa, Pastor

Fr. George Valliamthadathil, M.S.F.S.

Fr. Michael J. Morrow

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

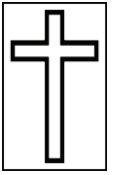
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Parish Meetings

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

Pregnancy Hot Line

Tel: 800-640-0767



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
LAETARE SUNDAY
MARCH 30, 2025**

MASS Intentions

Intention:	Requested by:
Saturday	Mar. 29, 2025
5:00 Jeanette & Henry Kostivitch	M/M J. O'Neill
Sunday	Mar. 30, 2025
7:45 Ronald Lee	Sharon Abraham
9:15 For the People of the Parish	
10:45 Members of Murtha & Albert families	
12:15 Mary Shea Condon	Family
1:30 Stefanina DiPippo Doran	
Monday	Mar. 31, 2025
9:00 Mary Daly (living)	Josephine Reynolds
12:00 Colleen Mazzelli	Alicia Boland
Tuesday	Apr. 1, 2025
9:00 Msgr. John Gallagher (Anniversary)	
Wednesday	Apr. 2, 2025
9:00 Pauline Flynn (living)	Mary
12:00 Deceased Boland Family	Alicia Boland
Thursday	Apr. 3, 2025
9:00 Vincente Teng	Teng family
12:00 Luigi Mazzella, M.D.	
Friday	Apr. 4, 2025
9:00 In Reparation for sins committed against the Sacred Heart	
Saturday	Apr. 5, 2025
9:00 Alfredo DeLeon	Teng family
12:00 In Reparation for sins committed against The Immaculate Heart of Mary	
5:00 Mary Gaughan (Bday memorial) daughter	
Sunday	Apr. 6, 2025
7:45 The Brick Family	Kieran & Brid O'Sullivan
9:15 Pietro & Anna Canale	
10:45 For the People of the Parish	
12:15 St. Paul the Apostle Purgatorial Society	
1:30 Scott & McKiernan Family (living) Kathy	

Pray FOR THE SICK

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, Antone Flores, Victor Fierro, Timothy O'Connor, Valentina Rakaj, Maureen Pastor, Pete Coppia, Rosemary Libre, Steven Guzzardi, Joseph Reagan, Joan Hayes, Sarah Haack, Carol Saxe, Joanne McFadden, and Pope Francis.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week, especially, Herminio Asuncion, Cornelio Sitchon, Paul Antonicelli, Elizabeth Bulzacchelli, Jane Fay, Louise Klausmann, Francis O'Shea, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:
 Mar. 29th 5:00 D. Douglas
 Mar. 30th 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 J. Barton
 10:45 K. Snyder 12:15 V. Rahiman

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STEWARDSHIP: Week of March 23, 2025

1 st Collection	\$3,909
2 nd Collection	\$1,225
Shrines	\$263
On-line Giving	\$2,100
Total	\$7,497

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Chastity, NOT a Negative



*Chastity has almost become a taboo for those in the Church who are calling for a change in the Catholic doctrine on sexuality. Change to be blunt is a euphemism for those who reject the Church's teachings on sexuality and think they have the power to overrule the Scriptures and what has been handed down by the Apostles on questions of sexual morality. Every bishop takes an oath to uphold Catholic teaching. **Neither the Pope, nor the bishops have the power to change Catholic teaching in this regard.** Hence it is refreshing to read that a bishop speaks positively of the virtue of chastity which brings order into human sexuality out of the disorder caused by lust and sexual sins. The bishop in question is Bishop Erik Trondheim, the bishop of Trondheim Norway. He describes chastity in his book *Chastity Reconciliation of the Senses*.*

The book has been described this way: At a time when religion is in decline in the Western world and when it often seems that the senses have run riot, Erik Varden shows that chastity, the single-minded direction of the senses, is a loveable quality and one that affects and beautifies humankind. The terms sexuality and wholeness indicate that to be sexual is to exist in a state of incompleteness longing to be restored. Wholeness points to a healing embrace that we desire so greatly. In Biblical language, chastity is a function of simplicity of sight. We are no longer torn apart by our passions and our desires; indeed, they may reach their fulfilment. Body and spirit, male and female, order and disorder, passion and death can move from creative tension to a new kind of wholeness. Varden's text is enriched by a wide range of references to scripture, literature, music, painting and sculpture.

Bishop Varden is not the only bishop explaining the meaning of Catholic teaching and the meaning of the virtue of chastity. Back in 2022 a Catholic news agency reported remarks of Cardinal Wilm Eijk the Cardinal-Archbishop of Utrecht in Holland with the headline: *Dutch Cardinal: Chastity is not ridiculous*. The lead paragraph begins this way: *"Chastity does not limit freedom but gives inner freedom to make difficult choices in life, for example, concerning sexual abstinence." In a time where ethical views on marriage and sexuality are shifting, he defends the traditional doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church concerning these issues. The traditional teaching about sexuality is that it only belongs to one man and one woman within the bond of matrimony.*

The real issue in this regard is the amount of clergy and laity who reject Catholic teaching in order to accommodate homosexual activity and the secular world thus rejecting the natural order of creation and Catholic teaching contained in Scripture and Apostolic tradition about the meaning of sexuality: that it is ordered to the procreation and rearing of children and the unity of a man and a woman in lifelong union. Modern secular society rejects that order and claims to have the ability to change that order and creation itself to accommodate any sexual expression and even to re-define who and what a human being is in the claim to create the superman in an ideology called transhumanism. Hence there's the notion that human beings are themselves gods and can do what they want. The notion of blessing homosexual activities being promoted by certain churchmen carries with it the blasphemous claim that God blesses sin and that God rejects His own order of creation.

It is not just homosexual activity that is disordered but all sexuality is in some degree disordered because of original sin and lust. The sins of disorder include fornication, adultery, and the various other sexual sins.

Chastity is the healing of that disorder through the power of grace, coming through the sacraments, especially the healing sacraments of Confession and the Holy Eucharist. All human beings struggle with this, including great saints, like St. Augustine who is very candid about it in his Confessions. Here is a sample of Bishop Varden's remarks on Chastity:

Holiness, life everlasting, configuration to Christ, the resurrection of the body: these notions do not feature much, now, in people's thinking about relationships and sexuality. We have become alienated from the mindset that brought about the soaring verticality of the twelfth-century cathedrals, houses holding the whole of life while elevating it. Was not a proposal recently made to fit a swimming pool on the rebuilt roof of Notre Dame de Paris? It seemed to me apt. It would symbolically have re-established the dome of water that sealed earth off from heaven on the first day of creation, before God's Image was manifest in it (cf. Genesis 1.7). It would have cancelled, again symbolically, the piercing of the firmament at Jesus' Baptism, which portended a new way of being human. Whatever fragment of mystery might remain within the church itself would have been performed beneath the splashing of bodies striving to perfect their form. The parable would have been significant.

Once the supernatural thrust has gone from Christianity, what remains? Well-meaning sentiment and a set of commandments found to be crushing, the goal of change they were meant to serve having been summarily dismissed. Understandably, a movement will then be afoot to consign these to the archives. For what will be the point of them? Become this-worldly, the Church accommodates the world and makes herself reasonably comfortable within it. Her prescriptions and proscriptions alike will reflect and be shaped by current "mores." . . . Of course we should reach out to and engage those estranged by Christian teaching, those who feel ostracized or consider they are being held to an impossible standard. At the same time we cannot forget that this situation is far from new.

In the early centuries of our era, there was colossal strain between worldly and Christian moral values, not least concerning chastity. This was so not because Christians were better – most of us, now as then, live mediocre lives – but because they had a different sense of what life is about. Those were the centuries of the subtle controversies about Christ. Relentlessly, the Church fought to articulate who Jesus Christ is: "God from God" yet "born of the Virgin Mary"; true God, true Man. On this basis she went on to make sense of what it means to be a human being and to show how a humane social order might come about. (emphasis added) (END)

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

487. What responsibility do human persons have in regard to their own sexual identity? *God has created human beings as male and female, equal in personal dignity, and has called them to a vocation of love and of communion. Everyone should accept his or her identity as male or female, recognizing its importance for the whole of the person, its specificity and complementarity. (NOTE: Male and female are equal but not identical. Male and female are meant to complete each other)*

489. What is involved in the virtue of chastity? *The virtue of chastity involves an apprenticeship in self-mastery as an expression of human freedom directed towards self-giving. An integral and continuing formation, which is brought about in stages, is necessary to achieve this goal.*

490. What are the means that aid the living of chastity? *There are many means at one's disposal: the grace of God, the help of the sacraments, prayer, self-knowledge, the practice of an asceticism adapted to various situations, the exercise of the moral virtues, especially the virtue of temperance which seeks to have the passions guided by reason.*

492. What are the principal sins against chastity? *Grave-sins against chastity differ according to their object: adultery, masturbation, fornication, pornography, prostitution, rape, and homosexual acts. These sins are expressions of the vice of lust. These kinds of acts committed against the physical and moral integrity of minors become even more grave.*



STATIONS of the CROSS

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

During the 40 Days for Life, we stand in peaceful, prayerful witness at abortion facilities. Through thousands of campaigns happening around the world, we stand in solidarity with the most vulnerable and beg the Lord to pour out graces of conversion and healing. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign, visit www.40daysforlife.com.

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 4th Sunday in Lent. Listen to: *Meditations on the Stations of the Cross*, or *Stations of the Cross* by St. Alphonsus Liguori. For children watch: *Brother Francis: The Stations of the Cross*. Listen to: *Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross*.

Holy Father's Intention for April:

For the use of new technologies – Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



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Each year, our parish makes it a priority to generously support our brothers and sisters across the archdiocese through the Cardinal's Appeal. As of today, we have made significant progress towards our goal. THANK YOU to the many who have made this possible! If you have not given to the Appeal before, we invite you to make a commitment to investing in our Church this weekend by visiting www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate or using an envelope available in the rear of the church.

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Weekly Friday Adoration: Our Lord will be exposed on the altar for an hour every Friday morning from 9:30 to 10:30am. The hour will begin with a recitation of the Rosary followed by silent prayer.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling mainly \$5 religious items at the masses this weekend. All proceeds will go to four Yonkers churches, including St. Paul's, and other Catholic charities.

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.

Couples celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2025 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 1 at 2:30 PM. Each couple may bring up to four (4) additional guests. Pre-registration is required. Contact your parish to register before Monday, May 12, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Healing Mass in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux - Tuesday, April 8, at 7:00pm, Sacred Heart Church, Dobbs Ferry. Sacred Heart-Our Lady of Pompeii Parish is honored to welcome Father Justin Maria Cinnante, O. Carm., who will celebrate a Healing Mass, prayers and individual blessings with a first-class relic of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. We also gratefully receive Father Lawrence Joseph, CFR, who offers additional blessings with a relic of Blessed Alexandrina of Balasar, Portugal. All are welcome to join us for this Mass.

The Matthew Wallace Foundation presents Around the World in 80 Days Pocketbook Bingo –Sat., April 5th, 7pm-10pm, at Mount St. Michael Academy. Tickets are \$55pp. Contact Sandy at 914-619-6862 for tickets or more information.



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