

Saint Paul the Apostle Church



“He had to rise from the dead.”

JOHN 20:9

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**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 20, 2025**

MASS Intentions

Sunday	Apr. 20, 2025
7:45 Peter, Evelyn & Frankie Daly	Family
9:15 Russell Amoruso	Joan
10:45 Brigid Slattery (living)	Slattery family
12:15 Concetta & Luigi Carletto	Family
1:30 For the People of the Parish	
Monday	Apr. 21, 2025
9:00 Patricia Flynn	Mary Beirne
Tuesday	Apr. 22, 2025
9:00 Shelia Moran (living-birthday)	M/M R. O'Leary
Wednesday	Apr. 23, 2025
9:00 John Stack	Josephine Reynolds
Thursday	April 24, 2025
9:00 Jane Turner	Mary & Bill Turner
Friday	April 25, 2025
9:00 K.J. Chacko	Jacob family
Saturday	April 26, 2025
9:00 Nora Nugent	Patrick O'Sullivan
5:00 Deceased Members of the Foley Family	
Sunday	Apr. 27, 2025
7:45 For the People of the Parish	
9:15 Antonio & Pasqua Canale	Pia Canale
10:45 Charlie Macias (living-birthday)	Jacob family
12:15 Concetta Carletto	Carmine Carletto
2:30 Joseph Fox	Kathleen Scott

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 Coppa, Rosemary Libre, Steven Guzzardi, Joseph Reagan, Joan Hayes, and Carol Saxe,



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

LECTORS:

Apr. 19 th	5:00 D. Estrosas	
Apr. 20 th	7:45 S. Abraham	9:15 A. Canale
	10:45 A. Urgola	12:15 V. Rahiman

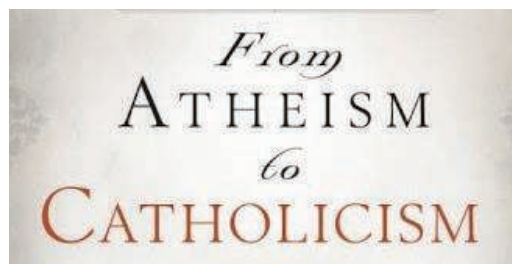
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STEWARDSHIP: Week of April 13, 2025

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'Unshakable' Rationalist Blogged Her Way into the Church Jennifer Fulwiler "always thought it was obvious that God did not exist." Fulwiler grew up a content-atheist. Having a profound respect for knowledge, particularly scientific knowledge, Fulwiler was convinced that religion and reason were incompatible. Not surprisingly, she was also emphatically anti-Christian and, especially, anti-Catholic. "Catholic beliefs seemed bizarre and weird," she says. Fulwiler would have been astonished to know that she and Joe Fulwiler, her husband, would come to embrace those "bizarre," "weird" beliefs. On Easter 2007, they entered the Catholic Church with deep joy and a sense of coming home — and a blog aided their conversion. Register (National Catholic Register) correspondent Nona Aguilar spoke to Jennifer Fulwiler about the couple's unexpected journey.

-There is always a first step that leads to belief in God. What was yours? Thanks to meeting and knowing my husband, I learned that belief in God is not fundamentally unreasonable. We met at the high-tech company where we both worked. Joe believed in God — something that, fortunately, I didn't know for a while.

-Why was that fortunate? To me, belief in God was so unreasonable that, by definition, no reasonable person could believe in such a thing. I felt I could never be compatible with someone that unreasonable. Had I known that Joe believed in God, I would never have dated him.

-What was your reaction when you found out? It gave me pause. Joe is too smart — brilliant, really, with degrees from Yale, Columbia and Stanford — to believe in something nonsensical. I also met many of his friends. They, too, are highly intelligent — some with M.D.s and Ph.D.s from schools like Harvard and Princeton — and they believed. None of this made me believe in God, of course, but I could no longer say that only unreasonable or unintelligent people believe.

-What caused you to consider the question more seriously? I have always been a truth-seeker, which is why I was an atheist. But I had a prideful, arrogant way of approaching questions about life and meaning. I now realize that pride is the most effective way to block out God so that one doesn't see him at all. Certainly, I didn't. The birth of our first child motivated me to seek the truth with humility. I can't emphasize this point enough: Humility, true humility, is crucial to the conversion process.

-Most atheists are unchanged after their children's births. Why were you so affected? First, I had already begun thinking about the possibility of God's existence. After our son's birth, I wanted to know the truth about life's great questions — for his sake. For the first time, I was motivated to seek truth with true humility. For example, I began reading, studying, and thinking about the great minds. Most, if not the majority, believed in some other world, some higher power, a god or gods — something. Even the great pre-Christian thinkers like Plato, Aristotle and Socrates believed. Another avenue of exploration: I always revered the great scientists, including the founders of the significant branches of science. Very few were atheists. Indeed, some of the greatest were profoundly believing Christians.

-It could be argued this was because they were steeped in the Christian culture and beliefs of their times. That ignores a larger question I began asking myself: Is it really likely that great minds like Galileo, Newton, Kepler, Descartes and others didn't know how to ask tough questions? Do these people seem to be men who didn't know how to question assumptions and fearlessly seek truth? Of course not.

-Was your husband a help in this process? Eventually, but not at first. Religion wasn't something we talked about. Joe was a non-churchgoing Baptist, which was fine by me. In fact, since I was an atheist, I considered not talking about God to be a good compromise. Our lives were completely secular — just like our wedding.

-No church wedding? Definitely not! I wore a purple dress; we married in a theater with a friend officiating, using vows we wrote ourselves. The ceremony took seven minutes, then we all partied all night long. In fact, we didn't even technically get married at our wedding: We did that at city hall a few days before.

-Was there ever an aha moment that finally made you abandon atheism? Several, but one in particular actually shocked me. I asked myself two questions: What is information? And: Can information ever come from a non-intelligent source? It was a shocking moment for me because I had to confront the fact that DNA is information. If I remained an atheist, I would have to believe that all the intricate, detailed, complex information contained in DNA comes out of nowhere and nothing. But I also knew that idea did not make sense. After all, I don't look at billboards — which contain much simpler information than DNA — and think that wind and erosion created them. That wouldn't be rational. Suddenly, I found that I was a very discomfited atheist.

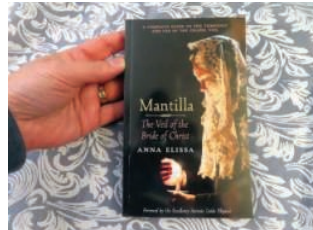
-Is that the point at which you began to believe in God? No. But now I was a reluctant atheist. I had lots of questions but knew no one who might have answers: I had always consciously, deliberately distanced myself from believers. So, coming from the high-tech world, where did I go for answers? I put up a blog, of course! I started posting tough questions on my blog. One matter stood out from the beginning: The best, most thoughtful responses came from Catholics. Incidentally, their answers were consistently better than the ones from atheists. It intrigued me that Catholics could handle anything I threw at them. Also, their responses reflected such an eminently reasonable worldview that I kept asking myself: How is it that Catholics have so much of this all figured out?

-Was your husband helpful to you at this point? As I started telling Joe some of the answers that I was getting, especially from Catholics, his own interest in religion — and Catholicism — was piqued. We have always been a great team, so it was wonderful that we were exploring these issues and questions together, especially since we were so anti-Catholic.

-Both of you? Yes. I thought the Church's views on most things, but especially marriage, contraception and abortion (since I was then ardently pro-choice), were simply crazy. Joe's anti-Catholicism, while different, was stronger and more settled. He didn't understand any Catholic doctrine or apologetics, so he fell into a stereotyped view of Catholics, thinking that they made idols of the pope and Mary, etc. Also, it never really occurred to him to take seriously the idea that Jesus founded one Church. He just assumed the way to pick a church is to find one that fits your personality.

-Your conversion has impacted your daily life. What change, in particular, stands out in your mind? Community! There is nothing like it in atheism. I never understood what people meant by members of the Church being part of the body of Christ, but now I really get it. By being part of the one, holy Catholic Church, there is a palpable connection I now have with other Catholics, even people I don't know. It's been amazing to experience that connection and community. (END)

Announcing a Complete Guide to the Theology and Use of the Chapel Veil



Os Justi Press's latest release is a revised and expanded new edition of Anna Elissa's *Mantilla: The Veil of the Bride of Christ*, this time in full color. *Mantilla: The Veil of the Bride of Christ* is the most thorough, insightful, and serene guide to veiling ever written—one that will equip you with answers to your own questions as well as the never-lacking questions of friends, relatives, and strangers.

Resting her account on Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the Church Fathers, St. Thomas Aquinas, and papal, liturgical, and canon law texts, Anna Elissa—a wife, mother, psychiatrist, and lay Dominican—offers arguments of fittingness on behalf of veiling, responds to common objections against it, offers practical advice for choosing, wearing, and even designing mantillas, and shows how the veil contributes to a Eucharistic way of life that treats femininity as a gift, a treasure, and a mystery.

To illustrate and verify her points, Elissa presents a substantial collection of testimonials from women of all ages about their experience adopting and wearing the veil—and from men, too, including clergy, about why they value the practice and its return.

Appropriately for a work about the language of signs and beauty, *Mantilla* is graced with exquisite artworks in color. In his foreword, Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Antonio Guido Filipazzi describes the book as a "beautiful surprise." Whether you are a long-time veiler, a skeptic of veiling, or simply curious to learn more, this is the book for you!

Paperback, 5" x 8", 152 pp. \$16.95 (Hardcover and ebook also available.) From [Os Justi Press](#) or any [Amazon outlet](#).

The Society of the Patricians invites you to share your thoughts on the following topic: *Can Artificial Intelligence Ever Become Sentient?* Please join us on: Thursday, April 24th at 7:00pm, St. Paul the Apostle School Cafeteria (entrance in the parking lot of the church)

Saturday Movie Matinee – Hosted by the Legion of Mary on Sat., April 26th at 1PM in the St. Paul's School TV Room. The Movie Matinee is: Cecil B. DeMille's *King of Kings*.

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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 Solemnity of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. Study *Forgiven*, or *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 6, The Paschal Mystery*. Watch: *The Last Days – The Passion and Death of Jesus Christ* with Jonathan Roume; *Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?*; *The Shroud of Turin*; or for children: *Brother Francis- He is Risen! The Power of Resurrection*. Listen to: *The Christmas and Easter Story, The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin*, or *7 Secrets of Confession*.



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The 2025 Cardinal's Appeal is in progress. Our parish goal is \$50,000. Every gift/pledge is important no matter what the size. You can give online at the parish website and there are Appeal envelopes in the back of the church. We are currently at \$25,745 or 52% of goal. Thank you for your generosity.

The Sisters of Life will hold a 25th Anniversary Celebration of the entrance into eternal life of their founder, Cardinal O'Connor on May 3rd from 2:30 – 5:30. There will be a Block Party on John Cardinal O'Connor Way (adjacent to St. Patrick's Cathedral) with a Memorial Mass at 5:30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral.



Thank you to all those who donated to the Easter Flower Offering

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

Stepinac Theatre presents the critically acclaimed musical, *THE WIZ*. Show dates are April 25th, 26th, May 2nd & 3rd at 7pm and a matinee on May 4th at 2pm. All reserved tickets can be purchased through The Landry Family ticket office at www.stepinac.org/showtickets. For more information email theatre@stepinac.org

St. Bartholomew's Church, Yonkers, will be having a Bingo Night, Sunday, April 27th. Doors open at 5:30pm and games begin at 6:30pm. Snacks and drinks available for purchase.

St. Augustine Church, Ossining, invites you to *Celebrate God's Creation* by drumming on Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22nd, in their Parish Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Dr. Friedman will demonstrate the Healing Power of drumming ~ release your stress, relax & explore your heart's natural rhythm. Registration required - email: ghsavino@aol.com. \$25 PP/drums are available.



Blood Drive - Sunday, April 27th, 8:30am- 2:30pm, St. Paul the Apostle School Cafeteria. Blood Donors are Urgently Needed! To schedule an appointment, call (800)933-BLOOD or visit the website at www.NYBC.org. Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.



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