

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 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



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 3, 2025



MASS Intentions

Saturday Aug. 2, 2025
5:00 Joseph Chacko Jacob family

Sunday Aug. 3, 2025
7:45 Guzman Castillo Corinda Ferraro
9:15 Sr. Eileen Treanor St. Paul's Prayer Group
10:45 Susan Minozzi-Guzzardi (living) Rel. Ed.
12:15 Helen Brady (Anniversary) Frank Brady
1:30 For the People of the Parish

Monday Aug. 4, 2025
9:00 Sr. Eileen Treanor (Anniversary)

Tuesday Aug. 5, 2025
12:00 Laura Dimaira Michael Dimaira

Wednesday Aug. 6, 2025
9:00 Mary Ellen McClosky (living) E. Slattery

Thursday Aug. 7, 2025
9:00 Rose Baldi (living) St. Paul's Rel Ed

Friday Aug. 8, 2025
9:00 Timothy Robinson Eileen Nicholson

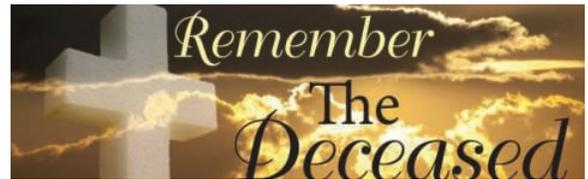
Saturday Aug. 9, 2025
9:00 Arlene & Leslie Chan Wai Hong S. Abraham

Sunday Aug. 10, 2025
9:00 Margaret & Charles Mooney Family
5:00 Anna Chacko Jacob family

Sunday Aug. 10, 2025
7:45 John & Delia Murray Family
9:15 Pamela McLaughlin (1st Anniv) Oliveira family
10:45 George Snyder Jr. Rosanne Snyder
12:15 Nancy Romaganol (living) St. Paul's Rel Ed
1:30 For the People of the Parish



Michael Curtin, Richard Lyons, Grace Lyons, Ayanah Audrey Naron, Denyse Guariglia, 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, Leny Sunaz, Bridig Robinson, Kathleen Kerrigan, Carol Saxe, Maria Toppi, Eleanor Coloso, and Eileen Coughlin.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week, especially, Charles Mancuso, Francisco Cruz, Robert Fedo, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

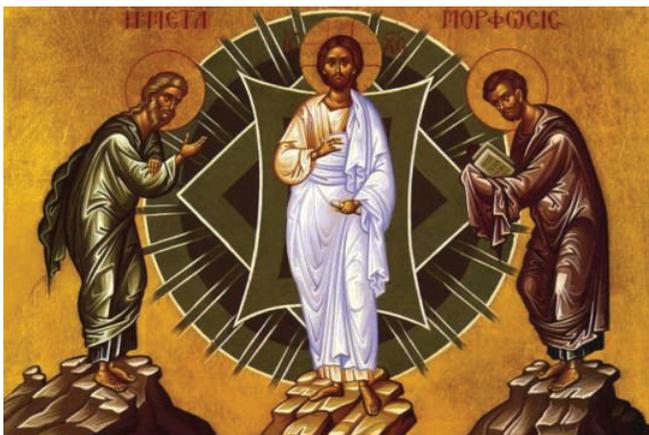
Aug. 2 nd	5:00 D. Douglas	
Aug. 3 rd	7:45 S. Abraham	9:15 J. Barton
	10:45 K. Snyder	12:15 V. Rahiman

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1 st Collection	\$2,755
2 nd Collection	\$1,085
Shrines	\$203
On line giving	\$1,500
Total Collection	\$5,543

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Mar Elias Church Damascus



Catholic Church Gaza



5th Century St George Church

Continued Martyrdom, and Attacks on Christians

The bomb that fell the previous day on the Catholic Church of the Holy Family in Gaza (see photo), which knocked down part of the roof and killed three and wounded ten of the 550 worshipers who daily took refuge there, is only the latest sign of a growing wave of rejection of the Christian presence in the Holy Land by a significant segment of Judaism, with its fanatical parties and ministers, its settlers rampaging in the occupied territories, its soldiers intolerant of orders. It is that messianic extremism which Benjamin Netanyahu's government supports in its acts and which makes any political solution to the war unrealistic, that of two states, Israeli and Palestinian, and that of a single state with two peoples with equal rights.

At the *Angelus* the following Sunday, July 20, Pope Leo called by name the Christians killed: Saad Issa Kostandi Salameh, Foumia Issa Latif Ayyad, and Najwa Ibrahim Latif Abu Daoud, the latter a young Gaza correspondent for *L'Observatore Romano*. And to "our beloved Middle Eastern Christians," he said, "thank you for your witness of faith," or in other words, for their martyrdom. But Leo also spoke unequivocally against the "forced displacement of the population," which is what extremist Jews want for their fellow Palestinians, perhaps toward surreal destinations recently identified in Libya, Ethiopia, and Indonesia.

"During the night between 13 and 14 June, a terrible massacre took place in the city of Yelwata, located in the local administrative area of Gouman, in the state of Benue, Nigeria. Around two hundred people were killed with extreme cruelty. The majority of those killed were internally displaced people who were being housed at a local Catholic mission. I pray that security, justice and peace prevail in Nigeria, a beloved country that has suffered various forms of violence. I pray in particular for the rural Christian communities in the state of Benue, who have unceasingly been victims of violence."

While on the second massacre, which took place in Syria (see photo), these were his words at the general audience on Wednesday, June 25: "Last Sunday, a heinous terrorist attack was carried out against the Greek Orthodox community in the Church of Mar Elias in Damascus. We entrust the victims to God's mercy, and we offer our prayers for the wounded and their families. I say to the Christians of the Middle East: I am close to you! The whole Church is close to you! This tragic event recalls the profound fragility that Syria still faces after years of conflict and instability. It is therefore essential that the international community does not ignore this country but continue to offer support through gestures of solidarity and a renewed commitment to peace and reconciliation.

On this resurgence of Islamic terrorism "*La Civiltà Cattolica*" – the magazine of the Rome Jesuits published after review by top Vatican authorities – dedicated in its latest issue a thorough analysis from the pen of Giovanni Sale, which it is useful to run over in its main points. No longer centralized in a specific territory, the jihadist galaxy, from the Arabic "jihad," holy war, has become more decentralized and widespread, with intense recruitment activity even far from its theaters of operation. For example, an ISIS network recruiting followers among Bangladeshi migrants was dismantled in Malaysia in recent days. In the West, recruitment is also aimed at mobilizing individual attackers, induced to act against heretical Muslims, Christians, and Jews, but in practice massacring ordinary citizens, often run down with a vehicle driven suddenly into a crowd.

These terrorist acts are carried out primarily in the United States, France, and Germany, and *La Civiltà Cattolica* provides a striking overview of them. They are easy to execute and always result in many victims, instilling widespread terror. But the area where the proponents of jihad have never lost ground, and indeed have consolidated their presence, is sub-Saharan Africa, from Mali to Burkina Faso, Niger, and Chad. Here, it is rather the French, American, or United Nations troops that have withdrawn, replaced by a growing Russian presence, with Wagner mercenaries, in support of the local regimes.

In this vast region, the Islamist terrorists belong to two movements. In Mali, rampant above all is the GSIM (Group for the Support of Islam and Muslims), composed largely of Tuaregs converted to radical Islam by Arab and Pakistani preachers. Elsewhere, the ISWAP, Islamic State's West Africa Province, operates. The former is part of the al-Qaeda galaxy, while the latter reports to ISIS. And the differences are not slight, to the point of provoking armed clashes between the two groups, with a great many deaths. The former are Salafists, from the Arabic "salaf," "elder," meaning that they hark back to the Islam of the golden age and condemn as apostates only the leaders of Muslim states who do not follow their vision of Islam, but not the people. While the latter are Takfirists, from the Arabic "takfir," "excommunication," and maintain that the people are also apostates and should be condemned. So civilians can also be killed. Both represent the two wings of contemporary jihadism.

And both are expanding. "*La Civiltà Cattolica*" cites a recent UN report according to which jihadists already "threaten the coastal states of West Africa and could establish, as has happened on other occasions, 'a terrorist sanctuary' from which to attack both Africa and the West." But expansion is also taking place in populous Nigeria, where Islamization is advancing at the expense of the Christians, supported by the offensives of both jihadist groups, the al-Qaeda-affiliated Boko Haram and the ISIS-affiliated ISWAP. The states where radical Islamists are most dominant are Borno and Adamawa, in northeastern Nigeria, bordering Chad. While further to the south, in the states of Benue and Enugu, the Muslim Fulani tribe, made up of herdsmen, mistreats and persecutes with ever greater aggression the Christian farmers, according to these latter with the evident approval of the central government.

What matters most is that the bombing of the church in Gaza is only the latest act in an increasingly aggressive erosion of the Christian presence in the Holy Land, within that much broader "massacre of the innocents" – "pointless and unjustifiable," – of which Pope Leo incessantly invokes an end. A prime example of this erosion is what is happening in Taybeh, the ancient village traditionally identified with the one called "Ephraim" in the Gospel of John (11:54), where Jesus is said to have withdrawn before his last Passover.

Taybeh, not far from Ramallah, the administrative capital of the Palestinian territories, is today the last village in the West Bank entirely inhabited by Christians, 1,500 in all, 600 of whom are Catholic. But the ultra-Orthodox Jewish settlers surrounding it are ever more intolerant of this presence, wrongful in their view. They want an Israel purified "from river to sea," from the Jordan to the Mediterranean, of every Palestinian presence, whether Muslim or Christian. And they systematically harass the villagers, without any restraint on the part of the Israeli army.

On July 7, after days of escalating violence, some settlers set fire to the ancient 5th-century Church of St. George and the nearby cemetery. The village's Latin parish priest, Bashar Fawadleh, recounts: "More than twenty young people rushed to the scene with me and managed to put out the fire, while the attackers stood by and watched. They also blocked the roads with their cars, preventing us from using them, while the main roads leading into and out of Taybeh remained blocked by army checkpoints. On July 14, the patriarchs and heads of the Churches of Jerusalem, including Cardinal Pizzaballa, visited the site and subsequently issued a stern joint declaration. It reads in part:

"In recent months, the radicals have led their cattle to graze on the farms of Christians on the east side of Taybeh — the agricultural area — rendering them inaccessible at best but at worst damaging the olive groves that families depend on. Last month, several homes were attacked by these radicals, lighting fires and erecting a billboard that said, translated into English, 'there is no future for you here.' "The Church has had a faithful presence in this region for nearly 2,000 years. We firmly reject this message of exclusion and reaffirm our commitment to a Holy Land that is a mosaic of different faiths, living peacefully together in dignity and safety." But the violence didn't stop. Some Jewish settlers took their cows to graze among the scorched ruins of the Church of St. George, a clear insult to the sacred nature of the site.

Become a member of the



The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people all over the world, in which Catholic men, women and youth sanctify themselves through prayer and apostolic work in union with Our Lady under the guidance of a priest. For more information, please contact Kathy Scott 347-835- 9259, Rose Baldi (914) 844-7743 or attend a meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30pm in St. Paul's School.

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.

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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. Wednesday is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Study: Lectio: Peter, session 6: *In the Shadow of the Galilean*, or Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, session 2: *Divine Revelation*, or session 5: *Who is Jesus*. Listen to: *Who Do You Say That I Am?*, *Jesus Is...*, or *This Changes Everything*. Saturday learn about St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr, by Watching: *Edith Stein* or *Edith Stein: This is True*. Read: *Edith Stein and Companions*.

The Matthew Wallace Foundation hosts *Matt's Grab-n-Go* with essential items. Wednesday, August 13th, 11am at Kerry Hall, 305 McLean Avenue.



Registration for Religious Education is open. You can register through our website or pick up forms in back of Church. Forms can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed.

National Night Out against crime and violence, Tuesday, August 5th, 5PM to 8:30PM, Coyne Park. Friends and Neighbors of the Yonkers 2nd Precinct come and meet the men and women in law enforcement dedicated to serving our community. By all means; bring the kids!!! (and don't forget your lawn chair) It's all free!! Food, Entertainment, and Music!! (Yes, the Irish dancers will be there) Please attend and bring a friend.

Troop 47 - Thank You to the parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle for their continued support at our annual 4th of July ceremony at Conor Park and to congratulate Angie F. winner of the raffle. We wish you a safe and blessed summer.

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PICNIC TIME!

Save the Date for our Parish Picnic – Sept. 21st following the 12:15mass. Reservations required by Sept. 1st, suggested donation \$10. RSVP to Jackie at 914-965-9333. For more information see flyer in the rear of the church.

Sacred Heart Church in Dobbs Ferry is privileged to welcome the Sistine Choir on Wednesday, August 6th at 7pm. This is the Pope's choir which leads the music at all Papal Masses and Vatican celebrations. This is the choirs only stop in Westchester County. Seats are limited. Visit reclaimingchristendom.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

Holy Father's Intention for August:

For mutual coexistence – Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.



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