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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. Open Meeting
Thursday 7:00 PM Al-Anon
Friday 9:30-10:30 Adoration
Friday 7:30 PM Boy Scouts
Saturday 9:30 AM Religious Educ. PreK-8
Sunday 7:00 PM A.A. Beginners Meeting

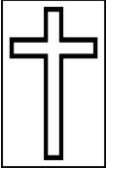
Pregnancy Hot Line

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 28, 2026



MASS Intentions

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>June 27, 2026</u>
5:00 James Foley	Evelyn
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>June 28, 2026</u>
7:45 Sarah & Ray Haack	Haack family
9:15 Ken Zaepfel (living)	Religious Ed
10:45 Mike Oshea	Curtin family
12:15 For the People of the Parish	
2:30 Thomas Ferguson	Laura Winterroth
<u>Monday</u>	<u>June 29, 2026</u>
9:00 George K. Abraham Sr.	Abraham family
12:00 In Thanksgiving	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>June 30, 2026</u>
9:00 Francesco Canale & Anthony Tancredi	
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>July 1, 2026</u>
9:00 George (d) & Roseanne (l) Snyder	
12:00 Special Intention	
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>July 2, 2026</u>
9:00 Agnus Dunlea	Cregin family
12:00 John & Mary Freyne	
<u>Friday</u>	<u>July 3, 2026</u>
9:00 Steven Hansburg	Curtin family
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>July 4, 2026</u>
9:00 Brendan Sheehy	Family
12:00 In Reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary	
5:00 Fr. Jim Smyth	Smyth family
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 5, 2026</u>
7:45 Michael F. McEnerney	Smyth family
9:15 Greg Calozzo (living)	Religious Ed
10:45 Lul Dokaj (living)	Drita
12:15 Terence Reynolds (Bday mem)	Josephine
1:30 For the People of the Parish	



Richard Lyons, Grace Lyons, Joseph Molack, Victor Fierro, Timothy O'Connor, Valentina Rakaj, Pete Coppa, Rosemary Libre, Kathleen Kerrigan, Carol Saxe, Maria Toppi, Camielle Moynihan, Eileen Coughlin, Carol O'Neill, Jane Curtin, Rose Rampa, Willi Dunz, Noemi Asuncion Bernardez, Patrizia DeGiovanni, Carol Santini, Victor Fierro, Aidan Curtin, and Ed Catis.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Fr. Robert Moore, Msgr. Charles Quinn, Eileen LeQuay, David D. Williamson, Gerard O'Sullivan, Harry A. Winterroth, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

June 27 th	5:00 D. Douglas	
June 28 th	7:45 S. Abraham	9:15 J. Barton
	10:45 K. Snyder	12:15 V. Rahiman

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP: Week of June 21, 2026

1st Collection	\$4,071
2 nd Collection	\$1,098
Shrines	\$135
Online giving	\$1,700
Total	\$7,004

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The Conversion of Manuel Garcia Morente: How did a distinguished modern university professor of philosophy believe in God, the Virgin Mary, angels, and saints?



Before his conversion, to such a rhetorical question, the Spanish thinker Manuel García Morente (1886–1942) would always respond with the silence of a superior smile. All these Christian teachings and beliefs were, gently, labeled by him as “childishness.” Born into a family in which only the women practiced the Faith, while the men were carried away by the revolutionary and anti-clerical ideas of Voltaire and other such “enlightened” minds, Morente was shaped by a restrained atheism, hard as a granite wall. The greatest problem of such spirits—alas, so numerous in the modern world—is pride. Though Spanish, Manuel García Morente was educated in France, where he completed his studies at the famous Sorbonne University, then in Germany, defending his doctoral thesis *La estética de Kant (Kant's Aesthetics)* in 1912 at the University of Madrid.

Recognized for his merits, he was appointed Undersecretary of Public Education in Spain in 1930. In 1931, he became Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters at the University of Madrid. A brilliant career, wasn't it? Standing on the heights of success, nothing could have led such a “superstar” of rationalist-atheist-agnostic intelligentsia to embrace faith. And yet, this is precisely what happened—proving that indeed, “the ways of the Lord are mysterious.” The outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1936 abruptly ended Manuel García Morente's brilliant career. Not only did he lose all his positions and privileges, but in an environment where communism sought tyrannically to impose its own ideology, his passion for “idealist” German philosophy made him a target of the Red power because Germany, then, meant to the Reds Nazi ideology. (NOTE: Idealist philosophy in general means Idealist philosophy asserts that reality is fundamentally mental, spiritual, or constructed by consciousness. Ideas and the mind are reality, while the physical, an illusion.)

A widower, left with two daughters in his care, he trembled as he watched from behind the curtains the trucks and soldiers who came to make arrests and lead the unfortunate prisoners to their executions. Everything turned truly dramatic when, on August 28, 1936, his son-in-law, only 29 years old, was assassinated. His daughter, Morente's own child, found herself alone with two children. The family's anguish grew exponentially. Yet, paradoxically, the faith and prayers of the women in the professor's house grew ever stronger. The description of those days deserves to be read in full: One day, the militiamen came to arrest the eldest son of our neighbors across the hall. The poor boy was imprisoned and later executed at Paracuellos. Another time, I burned in the furnace of the central heating all the documents and correspondence I had kept from the year when I was Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Public Instruction under General Berenger's government. The next day—a providential fact! —they came to search my house.

The tension of those turbulent times needs no commentary. Fear and terror, the favorite weapons of communist dictatorships—were dominant. But above all, a sense of helplessness, of the inability to act, paralyzed Morente. Things did not stop there. One day, a trusted friend with certain connections warned him that the “Reds” had planned his arrest and execution. Horrified, Morente left his family behind and fled to Paris. Then began the inferno of remorse. Torn by guilt for having abandoned his daughters and grandchildren, yet consoling himself that he had no choice, he lived in fear of receiving news that his family had been killed. Days passed, and living off the charity of an old friend who sheltered him, he lacked even the most basic means of subsistence. Yet a kind woman offered him a hot meal each day. Later he would understand that even this was a small sign of Providence.

What drove him to the brink of despair, however, was his total inability to act. He, the great intellectual of Spain, a friend of the famous philosopher José Ortega y Gasset (1883–1955), was utterly powerless. However hard he tried to find a way to bring his family to Paris, nothing worked. And when at last he managed to speak with someone from the new government who promised help, he learned definitively that he was *persona non grata* and that his family was trapped in Spain.

The proud and haughty Spanish thinker was thus reduced to a state of humility in which he was forced to accept his limits. Torn by contradictory thoughts, he rebelled yet recognized his helplessness. At first, he refused to accept it. At times, the thought of suicide visited him. Like his Basque predecessor, Ignatius of Loyola, he feared he might lose his mind. The endless, powerless waiting would ultimately lead him to accept the teaching of Divine Providence, toward which the one Saint Augustine called “the inner teacher”—the Holy Spirit—was gently guiding him. It became impossible for him to deny that something or Someone, other than himself, was “weaving” and “shaping” his life.

The first decisive moment came on the evening of April 29, 1937. After weeks and months of torment and anguish, he became convinced of the existence of Divine Providence. Yet one major problem remained: this Providence seemed to him distant and arbitrary, belonging to that deistic God who does not intervene in the world or in human lives. An unbearable inner dryness consumed him. Long afflicted with chronic insomnia, he tried to rest, seeking peace by listening to classical music on the radio. A piece of genius electrified him—it was a section from *L’Enfance du Christ (The Childhood of Christ)*, by Hector Berlioz (1803–1869). The sublime music unleashed a flood of images—all drawn from the liturgical memories of his childhood, when, taken to church by his pious mother, he gazed reverently at the holy images and listened to the Gospel readings. Scene after scene, he relived the life of Our Lord Jesus Christ, culminating in the scene of the Crucifixion:

Little by little, within my soul there began to form the vision of Christ—Christ the man—crucified on the summit of a mountain overlooking an immense landscape, a vast plain teeming with human beings—women, children—over whom stretched the arms of our crucified Lord. And the arms of Christ grew and grew, seeming to embrace all that suffering multitude and cover it with His infinite love. Overwhelmed by this new movement of the heart, he knelt and tried to pray. He could not. He could no longer remember a single prayer from the days—over forty years earlier—when he had attended Sunday school. Distressed, he struggled for hours to recall them. With great effort, he managed to write in a notebook everything he remembered the Our Father and Hail Mary. He could not recover anything from the Creed or Hail Holy Queen. But it was something. He repeated these improvised prayers with joy, staying up until midnight, comforted by the waves of grace he felt. Decided, he told himself that the next day he would buy a Bible and a prayer book. For the first time in months—after so many insomniac nights—he fell asleep.

When he suddenly awoke around 2 a.m., with an inexplicable feeling in his soul, the event occurred that he would later call “the extraordinary fact:” I turned my face toward the inside of the room and was struck motionless. He was there. I did not see Him, I did not hear Him, I did not touch Him, but He was there. The room was dimly lit by a small electric lamp—no brighter than one or two candles—placed in a corner. I saw nothing, heard nothing, touched nothing. I had no sensation at all. But He was there.

The lines above are best understood in silence. His later confessor, Don José María García Lahiguera (1903–1989), published them exactly as you have read them, after the author’s death. They mark the culmination of a life that would end at the foot of the Cross. That encounter with Our Lord Jesus Christ—without any sensory experience—on that night in Paris between April 29 and 30, 1937, was the crucial moment, the *kairós* as the ancient Greeks called it, when the life of Manuel García Morente took a new path. The joy of his daughters cannot be described. Without a doubt, their prayers and those of his wife in heaven had obtained such a grace of conversion—one that would lead him to embrace the most demanding and meritorious mission imaginable: in 1940, he became a priest. Despite his early death in 1942, the experience of that “extraordinary fact,” which he left us as an immortal testimony, remains one of the signs of hope in our dark times. (The full story unedited story by Robert Lazu Kmita can be read here <https://onepeterfive.com/the-story-of-a-conversion-the-extraordinary-encounter-of-manuel-garcia-morente/>)



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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 Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. Study: Footprints of God: *Peter: Keeper of the Keys* or *Paul: Contending for the Faith*; or Lectio: *Peter*. Watch: *Saint Peter, Paul of Tarsus*, or the Bible Collection: *Paul the Apostle*. On Wednesday Watch: *St. Junipero Serra, A Man of God, A Mission of Love* or *Who is Saint Junipero Serra?* July 4th is Independence Day. Watch: FORMED Now!: *The Gospel and Freedom, Freedom (The Movie), Two Views of Freedom, Free For What?*, or *The Wild Goose*, segment 12, *The Spirit's Freedom*.

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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 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th on the Church grounds of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. The "Festa Italiana" features live Italian and American music and entertainment, an outdoor dance floor, children's games and entertainment, great Italian foods & desserts, American fare, espresso bar, air-conditioned casino, and much more. Admission and entertainment are free.

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Please join the "Procession of the Statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on Sunday, July 12th for a public procession of prayer to honor the Virgin Mary. Worshipers in the procession of their 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.

Our Knights of Columbus council 50/50 raffle. Drawing will be held this weekend at St. Eugene's. We will announce the winners as soon as we receive them. Thank you to all who supported the raffle.

Friends of Troop 47 will be fundraising after masses during the month of June for a drawing to be held at their Annual 4th of July Ceremony at Conor Park. Winner need not be present. If the event is postponed, the draw will occur, and the winner contacted. Funds will be used to purchase new equipment. Thank you to the Parishioners of St. Paul's for your 96 years of continued support of Troop 47.



Calling all caring hearts! Join us for a **Baby Bottle Drive** to support Gianna's House Pregnancy Care Center in Brewster. Here's how you can get involved: - Pick up an adorable baby bottle after any Mass. - Fill it with love by donating spare coins, dollars or donations (checks made payable to Gianna's House). - Return your filled bottle to the church by July 12 after any Mass. Your small act of kindness can make an enormous difference in providing comfort and care to moms who need it most. Gianna's House is a Catholic pro-life pregnancy resource center helping women experiencing unexpected pregnancies to break down the obstacles they face so they can choose life for their babies. For any questions or further information, please contact: director@giannashouseinc.org or visit us at: giannashouseinc.org.

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