

St. Paul the Apostle Parish



Lincoln Park

Fr. Leonard F. Villa, Pastor

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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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. 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

Tel: 800-640-0767



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 12, 2026



MASS Intentions

Saturday July 11, 2026
5:00 Nancy Romagnoli (living) Religious Ed
Sunday July 12, 2026

7:45 For the People of the Parish
9:15 Albert & Ronald Pietropaolo
10:45 Joann Mary Barthel & Mary Barthel
12:15 Zarah Cabellero Negma Sulaiman
1:30 St. Paul the Apostle Purgatorial Society

Monday July 13, 2026
9:00 Justin & Aaron Abraham (living) Sharon
12:00 Eoin Hassett (living)

Tuesday July 14, 2026
9:00 Rosanne Snyder (living-90th Bday) Katrina

Wednesday July 15, 2026
9:00 Souls in Purgatory Mary Beirne
12:00 For Holy Souls

Thursday July 16, 2026
9:00 Msgr. Charles Bidgood Rosanne Snyder
12:00 Michael Katrech (living) Kathleen Scott

Friday July 17, 2026
9:00 Mary Ann Brown (living) Religious Ed

Saturday July 18, 2026
9:00 Juan Carlos Guaqueta Negma Sulaiman
12:00 John & Mary Freyne

5:00 Theresa Izzo (Bday memorial) A Friend
Sunday July 19, 2026

7:45 Evelyn & Peter Daly Daly family
9:15 Brian Bergen (Bday memorial) Family
10:45 For the People of the Parish
12:15 Khloe Deuna (living) Religious Ed
1:30 Nichelle Rosas (living) Religious Ed

LECTORS:

July 11th 5:00 D. Estrosas
July 12th 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 A. Canale
10:45 A. Urgola 12:15 E. Slattery



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, Gerard O'Sullivan, Harry A. Winterroth, Peter Yucor, Nicholas Moreschi, and those who mourn them.

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP: Week of June 28, 2026

Total \$8,346

STEWARDSHIP: Week of July 5, 2026

1st Collection \$4,334

2nd Collection \$1,046

Shrines \$170

On line Giving \$1,700

Total \$7,250

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The Catholic Church consistently rejects state socialism, communism, due to their materialistic philosophies, violation of private property rights, and suppression of individual liberty. The Church also rejects unregulated capitalism and consumerism. Broadly speaking, the Church defines consumerism as the relentless, out-of-order pursuit of material wealth and the belief that happiness, meaning, and identity are found in acquiring possessions. It is viewed as an ideological trap where humans are reduced to mere buyers and life is about things to be consumed.

Instead, the Church promotes an economic vision balancing the universal destination of goods with the fundamental human right to private property. **The universal destination of goods** is a concept in Catholic teaching that the goods of creation are destined for all people. The Church's social magisterium addresses socialism through several foundational principles and specific critiques:

- The Church has historically condemned "classic" socialism and communism, noting that economic systems which rely on centralized planning pervert social bonds. Furthermore, extreme forms of socialism are often grounded in an exclusively materialistic view of humanity, omitting spiritual dimensions and reducing social life merely to material things.
- The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and papal encyclicals caution that socialism undermines subsidiarity. This principle dictates that larger institutions should not usurp tasks that can be handled efficiently by smaller, localized communities, such as the family, local governments, and voluntary associations.

While the Church stresses that private property has a "social mortgage" (meant to serve the common good), it has consistently defended personal ownership as essential for human dignity, individual agency, and strong families.

The claim that socialism can be reconciled with Catholic teaching never seems to go away. The philosophy we now call "socialism" has proved to be one of the most persistent errors in Church history. While the word "socialism" only found its way into common speech in the 19th century, its underlying philosophy dates back several millennia. **Though it has taken different forms over time, the constant and most identifiable thread of socialism — from the ancient Greeks to the present day — has been the denial of man's natural law right to private property.** Thus, being a great defender of private property rights, the Catholic Church and her saints have found the need to speak out against socialistic theories since her infancy.

Pope Leo XIII, issued the encyclical *Quod Apostolici Muneris*, in which he stated: "For, indeed, although the socialists, stealing the very Gospel itself with a view to deceive more easily the unwary, have been accustomed to distort it so as to suit their own purposes, nevertheless so great is the difference between their depraved teachings and the most pure doctrine of Christ that none greater could exist..."

This brings us to the 20th century and Pope Pius XI's *Quadragesimo Anno*, which states that socialism is "irreconcilable with true Christianity." The Church has consistently maintained that socialism, in addition to its other problems, violates the rights of the family. As Pope Leo XIII put it in *Rerum Novarum*: The socialists, therefore, in setting aside parents and setting up the State as "parent," act against natural justice, and destroy the structure of the home. Because socialism gets God wrong, it gets the human being wrong; because it gets man and woman wrong, it gets the family wrong.

Of course, some will object at this point and say that while all of these condemnations of socialism may be valid, they apply exclusively to *totalitarian* socialism rather than “democratic socialism” — the reassignment of money through progressively higher tax rates. After all — they might point out — even some high-ranking prelates have endorsed “democratic socialism.” Clearly, if the term “democratic socialism” is meant to simply refer to a program of progressive tax rates to provide genuine assistance to the poor, the essential problem lies not in the philosophy, but in the ambiguous terminology.

That said, there comes a point at which creeping taxation becomes socialism. It matters little whether it takes the form of outright state confiscation of property or confiscatory taxation; either way, the rights of private property have been encroached upon, and injustice has been committed by denying a person his or her due. As Pope Leo wrote in *Rerum Novarum*: “The State would therefore be unjust and cruel if under the name of taxation, it was to deprive the private owner of more than is fair.”

One might call this system “moderate socialism,” but Pope John XXIII wrote in *Mater et Magistra* that “no Catholic could subscribe even to moderate Socialism.” Moreover, let’s be clear: The discussion we are now having in America goes far beyond a progressive tax code that seeks to send a few extra dollars to feed the poor. The notion that the form of socialism now being advanced in America is somehow compatible with official Catholic teaching requires one to ignore or reject a great deal of Catholic social and moral doctrine. In fact, one would be hard-pressed to find an error that has been condemned more often, more strongly, by more popes, for more serious reasons than socialism.

Pope John Paul II taught that communism is fundamentally flawed because it denies human dignity and religious freedom by reducing individuals to mere cogs in the state’s economic machine. He countered the ideology with a “revolution of conscience,” asserting that man is created in the image of God and possesses inherent rights that the state cannot override. Through his philosophical and papal writings, particularly in encyclicals like *Centesimus Annus*, he outlined several key teachings regarding the ideology:

He argued that Marxism, the philosophy of communism, fundamentally misunderstands human nature by stripping individuals of their spiritual dimension and eternal destiny, treating them merely as units of production and class struggle. **Because of its atheistic foundation, communist totalitarianism aggressively suppresses religious belief and civil liberties. John Paul II argued that religious freedom is the foundation of all other human rights.** In *Centesimus Annus* (1991), he warned that defeating Marxism through mere “consumer capitalism” is also a failure, as hyper-capitalism similarly reduces humanity strictly to material needs while ignoring spiritual and moral values.

The Pope highlights that the primary danger of Communism lies in its materialism, rejection of God, and denial of any life beyond the temporal world. Communism removes parental rights over children, suppresses religious freedom, and forces submission to the State.

Remedies to overcome communism: **Spiritual Renewal** A return to prayer, the Sacraments, and Christian morality. **Action by the Faithful:** Lay Catholics are urged to engage deeply in public life, labor movements, and the education of the working class. The Pope mandates that Catholics study and apply the Church’s social doctrine in their daily professional and business lives. Pius XI designated **Saint Joseph** as the patron saint of this campaign against Communism, citing his life as a model for workers and his protection of the Holy Family.

“No one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true socialist.”

“Communism is at its core perverse”

Pope Pius XI

**Wherever communism triumphed, churches have been gutted, priests massacred,
and children indoctrinated in Communist lies; the family has been subordinated to the state,
and the betrayal of friends has become a matter of duty.**

Presenting oneself to receive Holy Communion should happen only after an examination of conscience according to the Church's objective criteria, asking such questions as: ***Am I guilty of mortal sin? Have I prepared myself by fasting for at least an hour?*** The practice of indiscriminately presenting oneself to receive Holy Communion, merely because of being at Mass, is an abuse that must be corrected. Receiving Communion in mortal sin is a sacrilege.

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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. Members can be Active (must attend meetings) or Auxiliary (no meeting attendance required) – all Catholics are welcome to join. For more information, please contact Kathy Scott 347-835- 9259, Jackie Barton 914-965-9333 or attend a meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30pm in St. Paul School building

The Church of St. John the Evangelist and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church of White Plains will hold its annual **"Festa Italiana"** on 11th and 12th on the Church grounds of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Admission and entertainment are free.

Please return the baby bottles  from the **Baby Bottle Drive** to support Gianna's House Pregnancy Care Center in Brewster. 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.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will meet on Thurs, July 16th, 12:30pm, St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, Yonkers. Info: 914.423.5331. New members are always welcome.

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St. Joseph's Seminary and College in Yonkers will be hosting a weekend contemplative symposium entitled, "Francis and Dominic: A Mysticism of the Word in the World" Be inspired by an outstanding lineup of speakers and presenters such as Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre, Most Reverend James Massa, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, President/Rector of St. Joseph's Seminary and more! Friday, July 24-Sunday, July 26. Location: Seminary of Immaculate Conception - Long Island, NY. For more Information and registration: St Joseph's Seminary Event's Office - sjs.events@dunwoodie.edu or (914) 367-8201

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