

St. Paul the Apostle Parish



Lincoln Park

Fr. Leonard F. Villa, Pastor
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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

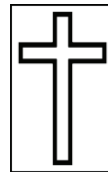
Pregnancy Hot Line

Tel: 800-640-0767



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



MASS Intentions

Saturday Sept. 12, 2026

5:00 Nuhad Hattar Romano & Jimmy O'Connell

Sunday Sept. 13, 2026

7:45 Peter Daly (Bday memorial) Daly family

9:15 Oliver Kilgarrieff Mary Kilgarrieff

10:45 For the People of the Parish

12:15 St. Paul the Apostle Purgatorial Society

1:30 David Mazzella (living)

Monday Sept. 14, 2026

9:00 George Snyder Jr. (Bday mem) R. Snyder

12:00 Vivian Pizzuti (living)

Tuesday Sept. 15, 2026

9:00 Gene Joseph Legion of Mary

Wednesday Sept. 16, 2026

9:00 Margaret & Frank Breen Cregin family

12:00 Eileen Mescall (Anniv.) Patricia Mescall

Thursday Sept. 17, 2026

9:00 Michael Katreeb (living) Religious Ed

12:00 Fr. George V. (living) Eileen Slattery

Friday Sept. 18, 2026

9:00 Virginia Markman (living)

Saturday Sept. 19, 2026

9:00 Russell Amoruso (2nd Anniv) Eileen & family

12:00 Rosaleen Tallon DaRos (Bday mem)

5:00 Patrick

Sunday Sept. 20, 2026

7:45 Margaret & Michael Brick M/M K. O'Sullivan

9:15 For the People of the Parish

10:45 Josie & Redmond Cody Mary Beirne

12:15 Joann Mary Barthel & Mary Barthel

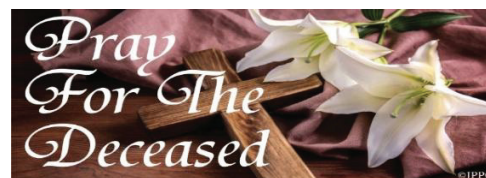
1:30 Laura F. Winterroth Laura Winterroth



Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Joann Mary Barthel & Mary Barthel as requested by Nelson Hocker



Richard Lyons, Grace Lyons, Joseph Molack, 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, DeGiovanni Family, Carol Santini, Aidan Curtin, Sallyann Ricci, Briana Aquino, Ed Catis, Thea Cronin, and Rosanne Snyder.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, John DaSilva, Dorothy Gannon, Victor Fierro, Robert Wentworth, Anna Aciri, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Sept. 12th 5:00 D. Douglas

Sept. 13th 7:45 S. Abraham

10:45 K. Snyder

9:15 J. Barton

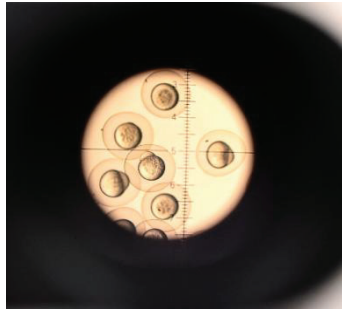
12:15 E. Slattery

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STEWARDSHIP: Week of September 6, 2026

1 st Collection	\$4,465
2 nd Collection	\$1,015
Shrines	\$115
On line Giving	\$1,900
Total	\$7,495

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Right Teaching about IFV

One may not do evil so that good may result from it.

Both the goal and the means to get there must be good.

IVF is not an easy subject to talk about – And that's hardly surprising. Behind every conversation about fertility treatment there's a story. A husband-and-wife longing for a child. Months becoming years. Hope followed by disappointment. Prayers that seem to go unanswered. Infertility isn't simply a medical problem to be fixed. For many couples, it's a profound sorrow. Any conversation about IVF that does not begin by acknowledging that suffering has begun in the wrong place.

The Catholic Church certainly does not dismiss it. She encourages research into infertility, supports treatments that genuinely restore or assist fertility while respecting the dignity of marriage, and asks us to accompany couples carrying this particular cross with compassion, friendship and hope. But compassion does not mean we stop asking difficult questions. And we've been asking the wrong one... Almost every parish has families touched by infertility. Many Catholics have children or grandchildren conceived through IVF. This needs saying clearly: those children are no less precious, no less worthy of celebration and no less loved by God than anyone else. But surely that cannot be the end of the conversation....

The Church's teaching on abortion, contraception, IVF and the dignity of marriage belong to a coherent vision of what the human person is. At the center of that vision is an idea our culture increasingly struggles with not everything we deeply desire can become something to which we are entitled. In a culture obsessed with efficiency, it asks for patience. When we're told that freedom means removing every limitation, it asks for self-control. And in a world increasingly convinced that every human problem must have a technological solution, it reminds us that some things are received rather than made. That's a profoundly counter-cultural idea.

The Catholic vision isn't anti-science. Nor is it indifferent to the anguish of the couple who long for a child and cannot conceive. It simply asks us not to lose sight of something fundamental in our desire to overcome that suffering. A child is never simply the answer to our longing. He or she is a person in their own right. A gift before being the fulfilment of anyone else's hopes, and someone whose dignity exists from the very first moment of life. <https://thecatholicerald.com/article/nfp-and-ivf-two-visions-of-human-love>

Moral Principles

-The many techniques now used to overcome infertility also have profound moral implications, and couples should be aware of these before making decisions about their use. Each technique should be assessed to see if it is truly moral, that is, whether or not it promotes human good and human flourishing. All these technologies touch in some way on innocent human life.

-One reproductive technology which the Church has clearly and unequivocally judged to be immoral is *in vitro* fertilization or IVF. Unfortunately, most Catholics are not aware of the Church's teaching, do not know that IVF is immoral, and some have used it in attempting to have children.

-If a couple was unaware that this procedure is immoral, they were not subjectively guilty of sin. Children conceived through this procedure are children of God and are loved by their parents, as they should be. Like all children, regardless of the circumstances of their conception and birth, they should be loved, cherished and cared for.

-There is the "reproductive technology industry." Children are called the "products" of conception. Inherent in IVF is the treatment of children, in their very coming into being, as less than human beings. NO CHILD SHOULD BE CALLED OR TREATED AS A PRODUCT BECAUSE EACH IS MADE IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD FROM THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION.

-Human beings bear the image and likeness of God. They are to be revered as sacred. Never are they to be used as a means to an end, not even to satisfy the deepest wishes of an infertile couple. Husbands and wives "make love," they do not "make babies." They give expression to their love for one another, and a child may or may not be engendered by that act of love.

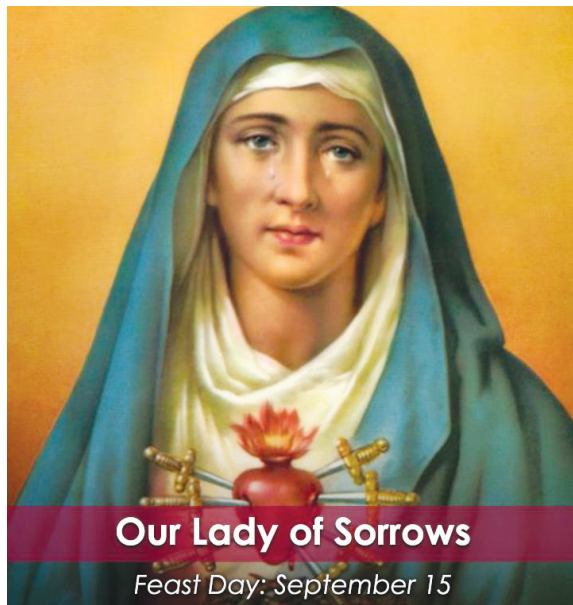
-Every person has the right to be conceived and to be born *within marriage and from marriage.* To be within and from marriage, conception should occur from the marriage act which by its nature is ordered toward loving openness to life, not from the manipulations of technicians. **Marital acts are not a manufacturing process and children are not products.** Like the Son of God himself, we are the kind of beings who are "begotten, not made" and, therefore, of equal status and dignity with our parents.

-In IVF, children are engendered through a technical process, subjected to "quality control," and eliminated if found "defective." In their very coming into being, these children are thoroughly subjected to the arbitrary choices of those bringing them into being. In the words of *the Church's teaching*: "The connection between *in vitro* fertilization and the voluntary destruction of human embryos occurs too often. This is significant: through these procedures, with apparently contrary purposes, life and death are subjected to the decision of someone, who thus sets himself/herself up as the giver of life and death by decree."

- Obviously, IVF *eliminates* the marriage act as the means of achieving pregnancy, instead of *helping* it achieve this natural end. The new life is not engendered through an act of love between husband and wife, but by a laboratory procedure performed by doctors or technicians. Husband and wife are merely sources for the "raw materials" of egg and sperm, which are later manipulated by a technician to cause the sperm to fertilize the egg. Not infrequently, "donor" eggs or sperm are used. This means that the genetic father or mother of the child could well be someone from outside the marriage. This can create a confusing situation for the child later, when he or she learns that one parent raising him or her is not actually the biological parent.

- But even if the egg and sperm come from husband and wife, serious moral problems arise. Invariably several embryos are brought into existence; only those which show the greatest promise of growing to term are implanted in the womb. The others are simply discarded or used for experiments. This is a terrible offense against human life. While a little baby may ultimately be born because of this procedure, other lives are usually snuffed out in the process.

<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/reproductive-technology/begotten-not-made-a-catholic-view-of-reproductive-technology>



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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. Tomorrow is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Watch: FORMED Now! *Exultation of the Holy Cross* or read: *St. Helena and the True Cross*. Tuesday is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. Listen to: *Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows*, or *15 Things to do in the Midst of Suffering*. Watch: *Formed Now! Our Lady of Sorrows* or *Sorrowful Mysteries*.



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.



The Mass book for 2027 is open. You may submit your requests through our email at stpaulyonkers@gmail.com or call the rectory before 12noon. Please limit your requests to four weekend masses at this time.

Join us for a New Weekly Bible Study – The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation, starting Sept. 16th & 17th. Come deepen your understanding of Scripture, grow in faith, and enjoy fellowship with others in our parish community. Every Wed. at 7-9pm or Thurs. at 10-11:30am (same presentation) moderated by Fr. Morrow. Questions 914-965-9333



Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents – Sept. 15th, St. Paul's Church at 7pm- Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows – Mass for the intentions of all grieving parents. The Emmaus Ministry serves and supports the spiritual needs of parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. All are welcome. Bring along a framed picture of your child.

St. Paul the Apostle Charismatic Prayer Group – Celebrating 50 years of Faith and Fellowship, Tuesdays at 8pm in the school cafeteria. Experience an uplifting evening of prayer, fellowship, and inspiration as we grow together in our faith. We look forward to welcoming you!

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will meet on Thurs, Sept 17th, 12:30pm, St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers. Info: 914.423.5331. New members are always welcome.

Thinking of Volunteering? St. Vincent's Hospital in Harrison, a Catholic behavioral health hospital, is seeking volunteers who would like to share their time and talents. Whether you can give a few hours each week or month, your service can make a difference in the lives of many. Several different opportunities are available, and your time is greatly appreciated: Gift Shop, Eucharistic Ministers, Yoga Therapy, Music Therapy, Pet Therapy, Clerical office work. Please visit www.stvincentswestchester.org to download an application. Any questions, please call our Volunteer Office at (914) 925-5401 or email stvdevelopment@svwsjmc.org.



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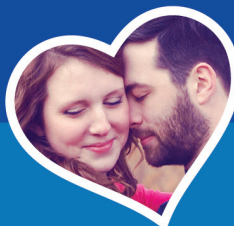
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