St. Paul the Apostle Parish



Lincoln Park

Fr. Leonard F. Villa, Pastor
Fr. Rayappa Reddy Thumma, Parochial Vicar
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 prepartion 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

OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 22, 2026

MASS Intentions

Saturday **Nov. 21, 2026**
5:00 Brian Mulqueen **Cregin family**
Sunday **Nov. 22, 2026**
7:45 For the People of the Parish
9:15 Nora Kilgarriff **Mary Kilgarriff**
10:45 Dorothy LaScala **Marguerite Kopp**
12:15 Christopher Slattery (3rd Anniv) Family
2:30 For Holy Souls in Purgatory
Monday **Nov. 23, 2026**
9:00 Mary & Bill Soncksen **Kathleen Walsh**
12:00 For Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday **Nov. 24, 2026**
9:00 Deceased of Chacko & Jacob family
Wednesday **Nov. 25, 2026**
9:00 Margaret & Robert Farrell **Cregin family**
12:00 For Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday **Nov. 26, 2026**
9:00 Helen Kohlhepp (living) **J & C O'Neill**
Friday **Nov. 27, 2026**
9:00 Generoso DeLeon **Teng family**
Saturday **Nov. 28, 2026**
9:00 Angelo Cristofaro **M/M Sestino Imbrogno**
12:00 For Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00 Pat O'Connor & Tommy Smyth
Sunday **Nov. 29, 2026**
7:45 John & Jimmy Lynch **M/M K. O'Sullivan**
9:15 For the People of the Parish
10:45 Peter Mancuso **Tom & Pam Cunningham**
12:15 Carletto Families **Carmine Carletto**
1:30 Letitia Holzapfel **Laura Winterroth**



Pray FOR THE SICK ©JPPC

Richard Lyons, Grace Lyons, Joseph Molack, Timothy O'Connor, Rosemary Libre, Kathleen Kerrigan, Carol Saxe, Maria Toppi, Camielle Moynihan, Eileen Coughlin, Carol O'Neill, Rose Rampa, Noemi Asuncion Bernardez, DeGiovanni Family, Aidan Curtin, Sallyann Ricci, Ed Catis, Carmine Carletto, Martin Beirne, Pjeter Gjonoca, and Patrick Mahoney.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Neill Rocco, Fr. James McKenna, Victor Fierro, Rodolfo Ambata, Patrick O'Sullivan, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Nov. 21st	**5:00 J. Sullivan**	
Nov. 22nd	**7:45 S. Abraham**	**9:15 J. Barton**
	10:45 K. Snyder	**12:15 F. Brady**

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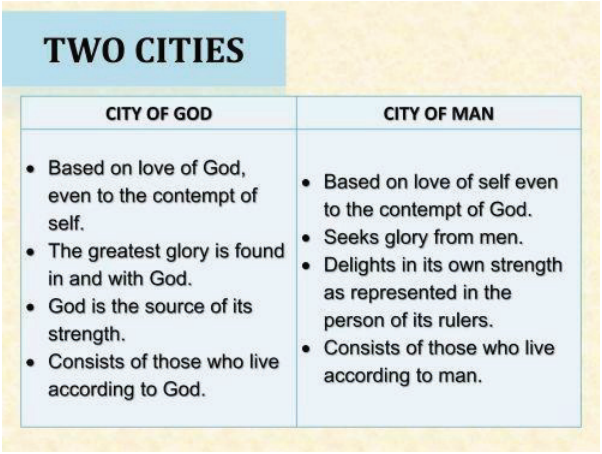
STEWARDSHIP: Week of November 15, 2026

1st Collection	**$4,367**
2nd Collection	**$1,075**
Shrines	**$178**
On line Giving	**$1,650**
Total	**$7,270**

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and its many needs. Your financial generosity for the upkeep of our Parish buildings and programs is essential and greatly appreciated. To sign up for WeShare go to stpaulyonkers.org and click "Online Giving". *Thank you for your generosity!*

Christianity in a godless and inhumane time

"Being a Christian does not mean conforming to the world." Thoughts taken from Reflections by Gerhard Cardinal Müller, Rome



The martyrs of the first three centuries after Christ—that is, from the beginning of the Roman Empire to Diocletian's attempt to completely eradicate Christianity—demonstrate that martyrdom is not merely about people who became victims because of their unwavering convictions. **Rather, they clarify that a martyr is a martyr because he is a witness to Christ**—that incarnate Word, the only Redeemer of humanity and the only mediator between God and humankind. He freed us from the godless and misanthropic power of the devil. **The devil is the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning of creation; the ideologues and leaders of totalitarian states have always been his puppets. Lies and death are thus always the weapons with which evil fights against God's chosen ones**. The fact that Christianity is still the most persecuted religious community in the world today is not due to modern civilization regressing into barbarism, but solely to the workings of evil.

Unfortunately, some Christians in the West still confuse their faith with the achievements of the Enlightenment; they believe they can avoid the scandal and shame of the cross – which is provoked in secularized contemporaries by the witness of faith – by defining Christianity merely as a phenomenon that has emerged from middle-class Christian civilization and pursues humanistic …goals. **If this were the case, the church could at best be recognized by a state or institution as a humanitarian aid organization – a notion that is cherished and frequently disseminated by some media networks.**

The Church of Christ, however, has only one goal on its journey through time: to follow God in Jesus Christ – that Master and Lord who was despised, persecuted, and shamefully executed as a criminal by the world. This human-divine dynamic leads to a faith that shakes the world – a world blinded by the temptation of power and enslaved by desires it cannot control. This faith does not eliminate the natural, obvious, and understandable fear of physical torture, psychological abuse, social exclusion, or a violent death; yet all these acts of human bestiality cannot separate us from Christ—our Lord and Master, the Risen One, who conquered death and bestowed glory upon his cross—and thus upon all our crosses. He grants each of us the real possibility of firmly grasping the reality of eternity.

This is precisely what Christian spirituality is: a life in Christ and for Christ. It stands in contrast to a religiosity that revels in narcissistic self-indulgence – an attitude that can sometimes be found in quite a few areas of church life. Paul reminds us: *"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Romans 8:28 And elsewhere he says: *"But I will only boast in the cross of Jesus Christ our Lord, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."* Galatians 6:14

Martyrdom (literally meaning being a witness) reminds us of a fact—both of knowledge and reality—that is often forgotten and that some even deliberately choose to ignore: **A Christian life is inconceivable without the cross of Christ. Saint John Paul II said in his homily at the canonization of Edith Stein** (Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross): *"Many of our contemporaries want to silence the cross. But nothing speaks more clearly than the silenced cross! The true message of suffering is a lesson in love. Love fertilizes suffering; and suffering deepens love."*

Therefore, in his missionary work, Saint Paul aims to ensure that his proclamation in no way empties or nullifies the cross of Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:18 The martyrs bear witness to a truth that is obvious, but which is often overlooked or distorted: **being a Christian does not mean conforming to the world**

The first focus: **The paradox of the curse.**
The cross becomes, in Christ and thanks to Him, by virtue of faith, a sign of redemption and a source of blessing not a curse. Deut 21:22-23

A second focus: The **paradox of humiliation.**
From a symbol of total and cruel humiliation that self-emptying of the Son of God which began with God becoming flesh reaches its culmination in the death of the Redeemer—it proves to be a veiled, but real, instrument of glorification.

A third focus. **The paradox of defeat.**
From a purely human perspective, the cross of Christ signified his defeat. This was undoubtedly how it appeared in the eyes of those who sought to have Jesus condemned; but also in the eyes of those—such as his disciples—who were so disturbed, shaken, and perhaps even deeply disappointed that they abandoned the Master. Yet the death of Christ truly represents a victory: it elevates the cross to the symbol of triumph.

A fourth focus. **The paradox of death.**
The cruel sufferings to which Jesus was subjected inevitably culminated in his death. Christ's sacrifice, his death, constitutes one of the central themes of the Christian message. The cross of Christ, however, also marks the transition from death to life. The cross is thus the symbol of a new stage, the gateway to resurrection and life. We, too, share in this mysterious transition from death to life. Baptism, which implanted us in Christ, allowed us to enter into the mystery of his suffering, death, and resurrection and to be reborn into a new life.

A fifth focus. **The paradox of hostility.**
The cross is a sign that puts an end to the hostility between God and humanity. The cross thus becomes a symbol of a new humanity, reconciled with God and with itself – a clear testament to the fact that true love proves to be proactive in bridging divided horizons and restoring broken relationships.

A sixth focus. **The paradox of "folly."**
Placing one's trust in worldly things is tantamount to folly for humankind. It renders one incapable of grasping the essence of one's own passing existence—an existence always marked by fragility and transience. **Folly is not synonymous with a lack of education. Rather it manifests itself in an attitude of self-absorption, which is the most dangerous form of self-deification.** Saint Thomas Aquinas speaks in this context of spiritual blindness. This corresponds to a term Jesus applies to the scribes and Pharisees: he calls them "blind guides of the blind," Just as the cross of Christ became an inexhaustible source of wisdom and strength for the Apostle Paul – and for countless other holy martyrs after him – so it can and must be for each of us.

Seventh and final focus: **The paradox of the offense of the cross.**
As already mentioned, death on the cross was considered a disgrace. The crucified one was consequently regarded as a criminal and a condemned man. Let us bear in mind: To contemplate the cross of Christ means to come to know the Redeemer – *the exalted Shepherd of the sheep*, whose servants we, the Christians, are. The martyrs of our time also confirm the Christian theology of salvation and world history, as summarized by Saint Augustine: *Two kinds of love have thus produced two cities: the earthly—love of oneself to the point of contempt for God—and the heavenly—love of God to the point of contempt for oneself.* (END)

Christ is the center of life. There are no half-measures.
Blessed Ruper Mayer S.J.

Join us for the
40th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration
for
Fr. Leonard Villa, Our Pastor,
and Fr. Michael Morrow, and Fr. Rayappa Thumma

Sat., December 12, 2026

Registration Cards and details in back of Church

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Questions call Jackie Barton: 914-965-9333

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The Society of the Patricians invites you to share your thoughts on the following topic: I Don't Believe in Hell Because a Good God Wouldn't Do That! Thurs., Dec.3rd at 7PM in the school cafeteria.

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!

MASS Intentions

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.

The Knights of Columbus #395 Holiday Raffle tickets are sold out. They will be at the 10:45 and 12:15 masses with Christmas magnets for sale. If you are interested in learning more about The Knights please stop by and speak with them.

Holiday Toy Drive - Please join Hodder Farenga Funeral Home in a Holiday Toy Drive now through December 14th. New, unwrapped toys or clothing may be brought to Hodder Farenga. All donations will benefit Elizabeth Seton Children's Center in Yonkers, NY. Help Us Decorate This Holiday With Joy!

Holy Land Artist will be here the weekend of November 28th and 29th. They are here representing the Christian wood carvers of Bethlehem and Jerusalem who rely on tourism to support their families. They will be selling hand-carved Olive Wood religious items such as Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, and several other religious items. Help support this self-help project that enables us to keep the Christians present in the Holy Land. Your help and understanding in this crucial matter are greatly appreciated.



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