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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 6:45 AM, 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 4:00-4:30 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

Monday 6:45 PM St. Paul's Folk Dance
Monday 7:30 PM R.C.I.A.
Tuesday 1:00-4:00 Leisure Club
Tuesday 8:00 PM Charismatic Prayer
2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM Men's Group
Wednesday 9:30 AM Playgroup
Thursday 7:00 PM A.A. Beginners
Thursday 7:00 PM Al-Anon Beginners
Thursday 8:00 PM A.A. Closed Meeting
Thursday 8:00 PM Al-A Teen
Thursday 8:00 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 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting
Sunday 7:00 PM Sl-Anon Parents Meeting

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Parish Meetings

Pregnancy Hot Line

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021

MASS *Intentions*

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| <u>Intention:</u> | <u>Requested by:</u> |
| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>Jan. 2, 2021</u> |
| 5:00 Cecelia Favareau | Mary Hoar |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Jan. 3, 2021</u> |
| 7:45 Michael Bruic | Teresa & Sean Smyth |
| 9:15 Daniel & John Murphy | |
| 10:45 William O'Brien | Marie Barnes |
| 12:15 James Flynn (16 th Anniv) | Family |
| 1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass | |
| <u>Monday</u> | <u>Jan. 4, 2021</u> |
| 9:00 Deceased Members of McInerney Family | |
| 12:00 Brendan McGuire | Sean & Lisa Curran |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Jan. 5, 2021</u> |
| 9:00 Gennaro Cardone | Family |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Jan. 6, 2021</u> |
| 9:00 Stephen O'Shea | Thomas & Bernie McGovern |
| 12:00 Susan DeSantis | Bill Grealy |
| <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Jan. 7, 2021</u> |
| 9:00 Robert Mahoney | Kathleen Walsh |
| 12:00 Catherine & Clinton Russell | |
| <u>Friday</u> | <u>Jan. 8, 2021</u> |
| 9:00 Peggy Slattery | Kathleen Walsh |
| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>Jan. 9, 2021</u> |
| 9:00 Kathleen Keveney | Kathleen Walsh |
| 12:00 Angela & Linda DeVito (living) | |
| 5:00 Des Reddy | Mary Hoar |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Jan. 10, 2021</u> |
| 7:45 Daniel Dennehy | Dennehy family |
| 9:15 Margaret & John Brennan | |
| 10:45 Thomas Byrne | Joan Hayes |
| 12:15 For Holy Souls | Jacob Family |
| 1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass | |

Pray FOR THE SICK

Michael Curtin, John Henighan, Phyllis Esposito, Dominic Mannocho, Johnpat Cassidy, Charles Coglitori, Mary Byrne, Dorris Perry, Rey O'Mayan, Maureen Baratka, Gerry Segreti, Betty Mancuso, Noel Marku, Gail Dempster, Jennifer Del Grosso, Yolanda Matias, Rick Ciucio, Matthew Benestad, Janzon Teng, Nunzio Siciliano, Casey Sparks, Elaine Noll and Richard Lyons



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially Walter Nisson, Joseph Doolity, Sean Bellew, Carmelina Teng Albaraccin, Frank Yozzo, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

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| Jan. 2 nd | 5:00 K. Snyder | |
| Jan. 3 rd | 7:45 T. Meaney | 9:15 E. Martinez |
| | 10:45 J. Terry | 12:15 E. Castro |

Weekly Collection

STEWARDSHIP: Week of December 20, 2020:

Total \$6,627

STEWARDSHIP: Week of December 27, 2020:

Figures unavailable at the time of printing.

Thank you to all those who dropped off their envelopes or used We Share to make their contribution. As you know the church relies heavily on your contributions to maintain the parish buildings and programs. During this time if you are able to drop off, mail in or make your contributions on line please do so. Go to stpaulyonkers.org and click "Online Giving" to sign up. *Thank you for your generosity!*



Ashamed of the Son of Man?

They who want to win the world for Christ must have the courage to come into conflict with it.
-Blessed Titus Brandsma O.Carm

Hearing (Mark 8:34ff), the following hard words of Jesus hit home: *For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.*

For many contemporary Catholics, denying Jesus takes the form not of apostasy under duress but of "being ashamed" of him and his words -- not frequently, perhaps, but on those occasions when they are anxious not to appear uncouth or ignorant or in the grip of unfashionable moral hang-ups. Business luncheons, faculty receptions, museum benefit galas can by more subtle means accomplish what Tyburn and the Coliseum could not. (*Tyburn in London was a place of execution of numerous Catholics martyrs who refused to recognize the Church of England started by Henry VIII)

When a Christian finds himself in the company of prosperous scoffers, it's hard, particularly with a manhattan or glass of chardonnay in hand, to interrupt the flow of elegant blasphemy, and it's all too easy to feign agreement by one's silence. (There's a maxim in the law: he who remains silent, consents.) In such circles, mention of the Son of Man -- i.e., positive, non-sarcastic mention -- is as unlovely as a brown tooth. Yet what Christian would have the honesty to admit that he kept quiet in such circumstances because he was *ashamed* of Jesus? It hurts to think about it. Readers of C.S. Lewis's *Screwtape Letters* will remember the demon Wormwood's attempt to damn his patient by acquainting him with "just the sort of people we want him to know -- rich, smart, superficially intellectual, and brightly skeptical about everything in the world." The senior devil Screwtape wants to make capital out of the tactical situation:

Tell me more. Did he commit himself deeply? I don't mean in words. There is a subtle play of looks and tones and laughs by which a Mortal can imply that he is of the same party with those to whom he is speaking. That is the kind of betrayal you should specially encourage, because the man does not fully realize it himself; and by the time he does you will have made withdrawal difficult.

No doubt he must very soon realize that his own faith is in direct opposition to the assumptions on which all the conversation of his new friends is based. I don't think that matters much provided that you can persuade him to postpone any open acknowledgment of the fact, and this, with the aid of shame, pride, modesty and vanity, will be easy to do. As long as the postponement lasts he will be in a false position. He will be silent when he ought to speak and laugh when he ought to be silent. He will assume, at first only by his manner, but presently by his words, all sorts of cynical and skeptical attitudes which are not really his. But if you play him well, they may become his. All mortals tend to turn into the thing they are pretending to be.

The chilling fact is that a believing, ordinarily dutiful Christian can be brought to deny the Son of Man without any of the barbarities of the torture chamber, but simply through the desire to get a laugh or avoid a sneer. I wonder how much of the headway that the counter-Christians have made among Western élites is abetted by these trivial acts of moral cowardice on the part of believers who know better (and know they know better). I confess it's not clear to me what the Son of Man's "being ashamed of" will consist in -- i.e., his being ashamed, when he comes in his glory, of those who were ashamed of him? Whatever form it takes, it's pretty horrible to contemplate. (Diogenes)

Christ Is the Center of Life. There Are No Half-Measures
Blessed Rupert Mayer S.J.

NOTE: Jesus is referred to as the "Son of Man" 88 times in the New Testament. A first meaning of the phrase "Son of Man" is as a reference to the prophecy of [Daniel 7:13-14](#), "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed." The description "Son of Man" was a Messianic title. Jesus is the One who was given dominion and glory and a kingdom. When Jesus used this phrase, He was assigning the Son of Man prophecy to Himself. The Jews of that era would have been intimately familiar with the phrase and to whom it referred. Jesus was proclaiming Himself as the Messiah.

A second meaning of the phrase "Son of Man" is that Jesus is truly Man. God called the prophet Ezekiel "son of man" 93 times. God was simply calling Ezekiel a man: son of a man is a man. Jesus is fully God ([John 1:1](#)), but He is also truly Man ([John 1:14](#)). [First John 4:2](#) tells us, "This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God." Yes, Jesus is the Son of God—He is in His essence God. Yes, Jesus is also the Son of Man—He is a man with a human nature. In summary, the phrase "Son of Man" indicates that Jesus is the Messiah and that He is truly Man.

The Saint Benedict Medal

St. Benedict (born at Nursia, Italy, in 480) had a profound veneration for the holy Cross and for our Savior Crucified. In virtue of the Sign of the Cross, he wrought many miracles and exercised great power over the spirits of darkness. In consequence of the great veneration in which St. Benedict was held from the early Middle Ages, it followed that a Medal was struck, one side of which represents St. Benedict holding the Cross in one hand and the Holy Rule in the other. Around the image of St. Benedict are these words in Latin: "May his presence protect us in the hour of death." St. Benedict has ever been the patron of the dying, because of the circumstances attending his own most glorious death, for he breathed forth his soul while standing in prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The reverse of the Medal shows the image of the Cross. Around the margin are the initials of Latin words which form verses supposed to have originated with the holy Father Benedict himself. The English translation is: **"Begone Satan! Suggest not to me thy vain things. The cup thou offerest me is evil; drink thou thy poison." In the angles formed by the arms of the Cross are the letters C.S.P.B., signifying "Cross of the holy Father Benedict." The letters on the Cross itself have this meaning: "May the holy Cross be my light; let not the dragon be my guide."**

No special way of carrying or applying the Medal is prescribed. It may be worn around the neck, attached to the scapular or the Rosary, or otherwise carried about one's person.

Often it is placed in the fields, the foundations of buildings or attached to automobiles to call down God's blessing and the protection of St. Benedict. No particular prayer is prescribed as the devout wearing itself is a continual silent prayer.

Purposes of the Medal

The medal of St. Benedict is the most highly indulgenced medal in the Catholic Church. When the exorcism blessings are applied by a Benedictine Priest, the medal has power over evil: storms, poisons, pestilence, the devil's legions, etc. You must use the medal by calling down the intercession of St. Benedict. (Use by dipping in liquids, placing on/in important machinery, structures, etc.)

On many feast days of Our Lord, the Blessed Mother, the Apostles, and many saints, it is possible to gain a plenary or partial indulgence by carrying or wearing the medal; invoking the intercession of St. Benedict; and, praying for the abolishment of heresy.

The following is a partial list of the many pious purposes of the Medal of St. Benedict:

1. It wards off from both the soul and body all dangers arising from the devil.
2. The Medal is powerful in obtaining for sinners the grace of conversion.
3. It obtains protection and aid for persons tormented by the evil spirit, and in temptations against holy purity.
4. It procures assistance in the hour of death.
5. It has often proved an efficacious remedy for bodily sufferings, and a means of protection against contagious diseases.
6. Expectant mothers have obtained special assistance for a safe delivery.
7. In time of storms, tempests and other dangers on land and sea it has been found to be a protection.
8. Even domestic animals have been visibly aided by it when infected with disease.



"...They were overjoyed at seeing the star & on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves & did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures & offered him gifts..."

Epiphany of Our Lord

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. Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Watch *The Story of the Nativity*, *Ready Reasons*, *Were the Magi at Jesus' Birth?*, or for children *Brother Francis: O Holy Night*. Listen to: *Prepare the Way of the King*, *God Made Man*, *The Mystery of Christmas*, *The Story of Christmas*, or *The King is Born*.

St. Paul's BSA Troop 47 Scouts & Leaders would like to thank all parishioners for their continued support during the year & wish everyone a Happy & Healthy Christmas season & 2021 New Year.

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Legion of Mary - Looking at a bulletin of St. Paul's from years ago, we noted there was the Legion of Mary here, but which has been now many years dormant. Legion units, called *praesidia*, are modeled on small Roman-army-battle-groups. The Legion invites laypeople to join in the mission of the Church; it provides an opportunity for spiritual growth; involvement in the various needs of the parish; and fraternity. It is open to men and women. Please call or email the rectory if you are interested in joining. Legion *praesidia* are relatively small nine or ten people.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Inc.

A WEDDING IS A DAY, A MARRIAGE IS A LIFETIME

Catholic Engaged Encounter of the Lower Hudson Valley will host another virtual retreat in March and spots are available. They provide marriage preparation weekends to help engaged couples look at their relationship in a focused, intimate, and faith-centered way. The weekend retreats incorporate live interactive presentations, self-reflection, and couple's dialogue.


Beginning next week, Tax statements for your church contributions are available, at your request, at the rectory. Please call the rectory weekdays before noon or preferably email stpaulyonkers@gmail.com your request and a statement will be mailed to you.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January:

Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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You In The
New Year

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