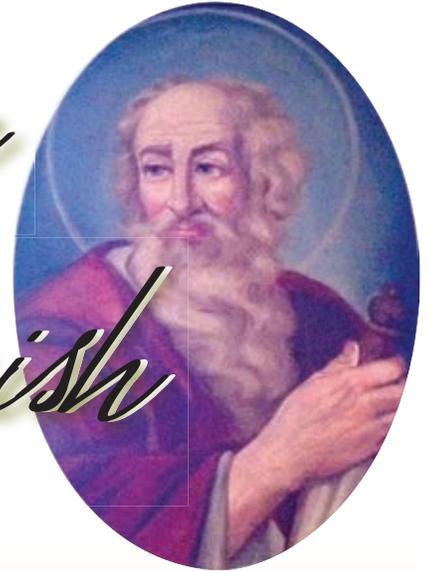


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### Masses

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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### Religious Education Office

77 Lee Ave., Yonkers, NY 10705  
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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

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

Tel: 800-640-0767



# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JANUARY 17, 2021



### MASS *Intentions*

<b><u>Intention:</u></b>	<b><u>Requested by:</u></b>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Jan. 16, 2021</u></b>
5:00 Ira Goldman	Mary Hoar
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Jan. 17, 2021</u></b>
7:45 Anna & Sebastian Gaglione	Vincent G.
9:15 Anne & Paddy Brennan	Mary Brennan
10:45 Franco Talora	Maria Gitter
12:15 Peter DiMatteo	Family
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Jan. 18, 2021</u></b>
9:00 Kay Morrissey	Pat Burke
12:00 For Souls in Purgatory	Edward Stanton
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Jan. 19, 2021</u></b>
9:00 Eli Daley	Pat Burke
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Jan. 20, 2021</u></b>
9:00 Kay Morrissey	Pat Burke
12:00 Bernard Redmond Gormley	Clare Gormley
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Jan. 21, 2021</u></b>
9:00 Robert Costello (living)	
12:00 Mercedes Bottaci	Sharon Brady fmlly
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>Jan. 22, 2021</u></b>
9:00 Paddy Sheehy	Kearns Family
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Jan. 23, 2021</u></b>
9:00 Sean Beirne	Gerry Rodican & family
12:00 Sean Curran Jr. (living)	Sean & Lisa Curran
5:00 Lewis Palomba	wife & daughter
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Jan. 24, 2021</u></b>
7:45 Christine Walters	Vincent Gaglione
9:15 Alice Foley	Evelyn Foley
10:45 Sean Beirne	Gerry Flynn & family
12:15 Lydia Foley	Bronwyn Courtney
2:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	

### *Pray* FOR THE SICK

Michael Curtin, John Henighan, Phyllis Esposito, Dominic Mannocho, Johnpat Cassidy, Charles Coglitore, 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 Joseph Doolity, Sean Bellew, Francis Moran, Carmelina Teng Albaraccin, Frank Yozzo, Bridie Sharkey, Brigid Burke, Dennis Bassat, Angela Ianniello, and those who mourn them.

#### **LECTORS:**

Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> 7:45 T. Meaney      9:15 B. DeMicco  
 10:45 A. Urgola      12:15 F. Brady

### Weekly Collection

#### **STEWARDSHIP: Week of January 10, 2021:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$5,930
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$732
Other Monies	\$134
Online Giving	\$2,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,496</b>

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## Praying for the Souls in Purgatory: What Does It Mean?

St. John Paul II stressed the need to pray for the Souls in Purgatory. He said, "The first and highest form of charity for brothers is the ardent desire for their eternal salvation ... . Christian love knows no boundaries and goes beyond the limits of space and time, enabling us to love those who have already left this earth." Therefore, not only the belief in purgatory but also the spiritual duty to pray for the souls there remains part of our Catholic faith. Contrary to what some may erroneously believe, Vatican II's "Dogmatic Constitution on the Church" asserted, "This sacred council accepts loyally the venerable faith of our ancestors in the living communion which exists between us and our brothers who are in the glory of Heaven or who are yet being purified after their death; and it proposes again the decrees of the Second Council of Nicea, of the Council of Florence, and of the Council of Trent" (No. 51).

Moreover, the *Catechism* clearly affirms the Church's belief in purgatory and the purification of the soul after death: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but, after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven. The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (cf. No. 1030-32). As Vatican II stated, the Church has consistently believed in a purification of the soul after death. This belief is rooted in the Old Testament. In the Second Book of Maccabees, we read of how Judas Maccabees offered sacrifices and prayers for soldiers who had died wearing amulets, which were forbidden by the Law; Scripture reads, "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out" (12:42) and "Thus, [Judas Maccabees] made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from the sin" (12:46). This passage gives evidence of the Jewish practice of offering prayers and sacrifices to cleanse the soul of the departed.

Rabbinic interpretation of Scripture also attests to the belief. In the Book of the Prophet Zechariah, the Lord spoke, "I will bring the one third through fire, and I will refine them as silver is refined, and I will test them as gold is tested" (13:9); the School of Rabbi Shammai interpreted this passage as a purification of the soul through God's mercy and goodness, preparing it for eternal life. In Sirach 7:33, "Withhold not your kindness from the dead" was interpreted as imploring God to cleanse the soul. In sum, the Old Testament clearly attests to some kind of purification process of the soul of the faithful after death.

The New Testament has few references about a purging of the soul or even about heaven for that matter. Rather the focus is on preaching the Gospel and awaiting the second coming of Christ, which only later did the writers of sacred Scripture realize could be after their own deaths. However, in Matthew 12:32, Jesus' statement that certain sins "will not be forgiven either in this world or in the world to come," at least suggests a purging of the soul after death. Then there is this passage from 1 Corinthians: *For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble—each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.* Here we see a picture that looks a lot like purgatory. It's a state of existence in the afterlife where souls are being purified in some fashion based on the works they've done in life, whether for good or bad. This state of existence is not heaven, because the individual going through the purifying fire is suffering loss. And it can't be hell, because the individual is guaranteed salvation. That pretty much fits the bill of purgatory: "[The] final purification of the elect . . . so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC 1030). In Revelation 21:27 we learn: "But nothing unclean shall enter it..." The New Jerusalem – Heaven. Catholic Scriptural Principle #2 – nothing unclean, nothing with the stain of sin, will enter Heaven.

Pope St. Gregory (d. 604) stated, "As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come." The Council of Lyons (1274) likewise affirmed this interpretation of our Lord's teaching.

The key to this answer, however, is to see the beauty behind the doctrine of purgatory. We believe that God gave us free will so that we could choose between right and wrong, good and evil. Our free will allows us to make the fundamental choice – to love God. An act of free will also entails responsibility. When we choose not to love God and thereby sin, we are responsible for that sin. God in His justice holds us accountable for such sins, but in His love and mercy desires us to be reconciled to Himself and our neighbor. During our life on this earth, if we really love God, we examine our consciences, admit our sins, express contrition for them, confess them, and receive absolution for them in the sacrament of penance.

We perform penances and other sacrifices to heal the hurt caused by sin. In so doing, we are continually saying "yes" to the Lord. In a sense our soul is like a lens — when we sin, we cloud the lens; it gets dirty, and we lose the focus of God in our lives. Through confession and penance, God cleanses the "lens" of our soul. When we die, if we leave this life fundamentally loving God, dying in His grace and friendship, and free of mortal sin, we will have eternal salvation and attain the beatific vision — we will see God for who He is. If we die with venial sins or without having done sufficient penance for our sins, God in His love, mercy and justice will purify our souls, "cleanse the lens" so to speak. After such purification, the soul will then be united with God in heaven and enjoy the beatific vision.

As we ponder the beautiful understanding of purgatory, we must never forget the importance of praying for and having Masses offered for the repose of the souls of our loved ones. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Mirae caritatis* (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the Sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. For the communion of saints is simply ... the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers, and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly fatherland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on earth.

These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. Faith teaches that although the august Sacrifice can be offered to God alone, it can nevertheless be celebrated in honor of the saints now reigning in Heaven with God, who has crowned them, to obtain their intercession for us, and also, according to apostolic tradition, to wash away the stains of those brethren who died in the Lord but without yet being wholly purified." Likewise, the *Catechism* asserts, "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (No. 1032). Therefore, when we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. Most importantly, we should always remember our own dearly departed loved ones in the Holy Mass and through our own prayers and sacrifices to help in their gaining eternal rest.

**Bible Study and More!** Go to [stpaulyonkers.formed.org](http://stpaulyonkers.formed.org) and register which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. This week on the 22<sup>nd</sup> is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Watch: *The Value of Life, Unplanned-Behind the Scenes, Why I Left Planned Parent, or Changing Sides*. Listen to: *There is Life in the Womb, The New Conversation: Changing Hearts & Minds on Abortion, Changed Forever* or *Why I Left Planned Parenthood*.

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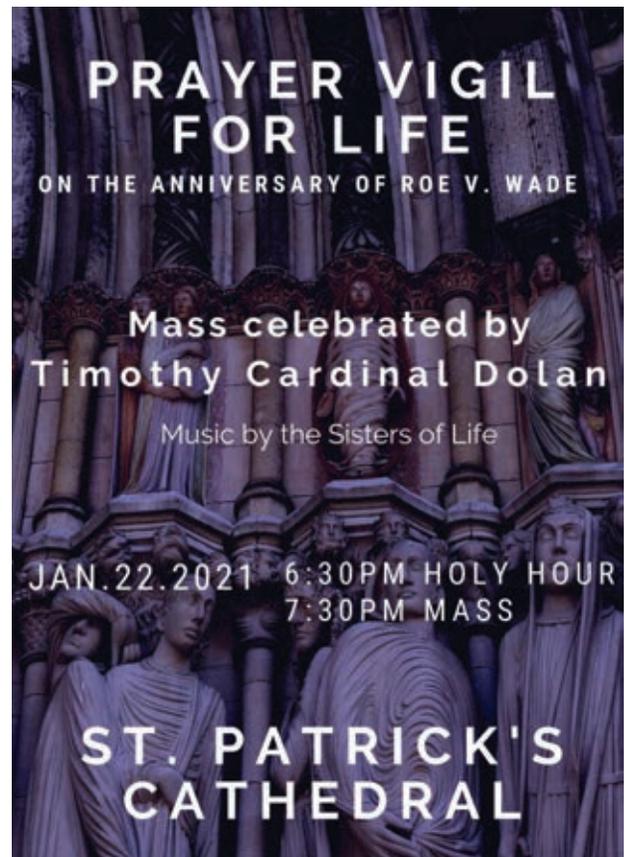
Catholic Engaged Encounter of the Lower Hudson Valley will host another virtual retreat in March and spots are available. They provide marriage preparation weekends to help engaged couples look at their relationship in a focused, intimate, and faith-centered way. The weekend retreats incorporate live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

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### Catholic Charities of New York

Catholic Charities of New York provides or directs individuals and families to a variety of services ranging from financial to mental health. Do not hesitate to call them at 888-744-7900.

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please contact the Sisters of Life at [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org) or call 866-575-0075. For men call Lumina: 877-586-4621



The Church has designated January 22nd as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

Sisters of the Divine Compassion present: What Would Jesus See? Engaging Racism. A "live" Zoom presentation by Karen Teel, Professor of Theology at the University of San Diego. Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am-12:30pm. To register <http://dcspiritualitycenter.org/contemporary-contexts-of-compassion-2>.

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