

# St. Paul the Apostle Parish



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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

Jackie Barton - Coordinator of Religious  
Education  
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

Website: [www.stpaulyonkers.org](http://www.stpaulyonkers.org)  
E-mail: [stpaulyonkers@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulyonkers@gmail.com)

### Parish Meetings

Monday 6:45 PM St. Paul's Folk Dance  
Tuesday 8:00 PM Prayer Group  
2nd Tuesday 8:00 PM Men's Group  
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 Al-Anon Parents Meeting

### Pregnancy Hot Line

Tel: 800-640-0767



# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

### MASS Intentions

<b><u>Intention:</u></b>	<b><u>Requested by:</u></b>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 11, 2021</u></b>
5:00 Matty & Jane (L) Curtin (wedding anniv)	
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 12, 2021</u></b>
7:45 Barrington Clarke	Vincent Gaglione
9:15 Joan Sharkey (living)	Jennifer Rogers
10:45 Lugi Carletto	Lillian & Peter Sokol
12:15 Desmond & Terry O'Brien	O'Brien fmlly
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 13, 2021</u></b>
9:00 Cornelius Sheridan	Jane Fay
12:00 Patrick Dunne	Gerry Flynn & fmlly
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 14, 2021</u></b>
9:00 Vincent McDonnell (living)	
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 15, 2021</u></b>
9:00 Nicholas Cardone	Cardone family
12:00 Anthony Sciaretta, Jr.	Chris/Stef Franchi
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 16, 2021</u></b>
9:00 James Costello	
12:00 Diana Louise Madden	Ann Lynch
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 17, 2021</u></b>
9:00 St. Paul Parish Priests (living)	
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 18, 2021</u></b>
9:00 Therese Mikulka	Mary Hoar
12:00 John Collins	William Greely
5:00 Helen & Vincent Hislop and Justine & Dan Cronin	Thea & fmlly
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 19, 2021</u></b>
7:45 Michael & Margaret Brick K.O'Sullivan fmlly	
9:15 Dunz & Mauterer Family	Willi & Emmy
10:45 Robert Papp	Jane Fay
12:15 Nello & Theresa Imbrogno	Family
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	

**LECTORS:**

Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 K. Snyder	
Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:45 T. Meaney	9:15 J. Barton
	10:45 J. Hayes	12:15 V. Rahiman



Michael Curtin, John Henighan, Phyllis Esposito, Dominic Mannocho, Johnpat Cassidy, Charles Coglitori, Mary Byrne, Dorris Perry, Rey O'Mayan, Maureen Baratka, Betty Mancuso, Noel Marku, Yolanda Matias, Rick Ciucio, Matthew Benestad, Janzon Teng, Nunzio Siciliano, Casey Sparks, Richard Lyons, Geraldine Novick, Frank Pallett, Louis Campos, Sarah Haack, Joan Odell, Andrea Caputo, Joan Hayes, and Joseph Mulgrew.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Fran Mulgrew, Sr. Eileen Treanor, Gerry Segreti, Ann Mahoney, Joseph C. Graham, Patrick O'Connor, and those who mourn them.

### Weekly Collection

**STEWARDSHIP: Week of September 5, 2021:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$4,288
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$1,391
Other Monies	\$207
Online Contributions	\$1,150
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,036</b>

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](http://stpaulyonkers.org) and click "Online Giving". *Thank you for your generosity!*

## Against 'Impurity'...

By Dominic Pino (Edited)

**Pornography is a spiritual disaster, and the euphemisms of Sunday sermons aren't getting at the problem.** It's not a secret that we have a pornography problem. By "we," I mean American males, but also American Christian males. It's also a problem for females, but not as big a problem and I can't speak to it very well, so I'm focusing on the male side of things. If you need survey data to back up the claim that American males have a pornography problem, you haven't been paying attention. Virtually every boy has seen pornography at least once. Most see it for the first time before the age of 15. Many develop a problem and have a hard time stopping. I know because I'm one of them.... A Christian euphemism for the problem is "impurity," which is a catch-all term for any sin of a sexual nature. Adultery, fornication, pornography use, "looking upon women with lust" .... — all these and more fall under the label of "impurity." Since all euphemisms are dishonest by definition, to talk about pornography as impurity is to be dishonest....

The turning point was 2005. Before 2005, you had to go out of your way to access pornography. You could go to old-fashioned, sketchy movie theaters or buy racy magazines, but to get pornography on your computer, you had to download files. Downloading files entailed the risk of viruses. And saving the file on your computer made it easier for someone else to find later. Many potential casual users were deterred by those risks.

But he probably watches pornography. He has a problem with pornography.... We need to teach from the starting point of the specific problem. When teaching is framed around impurity, most men hear the list — adultery, fornication, prostitution, pornography — and think, "Hey, I'm only doing one of those; that's pretty good!" That's a reasonable thing to think when it's framed that way. We're all human; we all sin; if we avoid most sin, we're doing okay. And we can always think of someone whose behavior is worse than ours to assure ourselves we're doing okay. That line of thinking is dangerous, however, and it has contributed to pornography's proliferation. First, God does not call us to be okay. He calls us to be holy as He is holy, perfect as He is perfect. Second, of course you haven't done the first three. It's really easy to not have sex with another person, especially when pornography is an available substitute. ...

**So, what should we do instead? First**, call it what it is. Give sermons on pornography. Be specific. Be honest. **Second**, address it early. "Impurity" is a euphemism, but it's not the worst one. The worst is "adult entertainment." It's terrible because it signals to children, "This is what adults do," and what kid doesn't want to be like an adult? But it's also terrible because it's antiquated. Given that most people see pornography for the first time before age 15, sometimes as early as 10, if you don't talk to kids about it before they turn 18 because you think it's inappropriate, you've missed your chance by years. Every middle-school ministry needs to address pornography directly and in some depth. **Third**, we need to understand that pornography isn't something that appeals only to losers or creeps. The cool kids at school use pornography, and they talk about it at the cool kids' lunch table. It's becoming so commonplace that people aren't ashamed to talk about it with friends. Why would they be ashamed when they don't think it's wrong? Porn users aren't a type or a subculture. Everyone is susceptible.

**Finally**, separate pornography from other sexual sins. We aren't backpedaling on Scripture when we teach that anger is a different sin from murder, even though Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount that being angry at a brother or sister is like murder. Jesus is teaching that those sins have the same source in our hearts, not that they have the same consequences. Imagine if every sermon associated anger with murder. Most people would be afraid to talk openly in church about the times when they felt angry, lest it make them seem like a murderer. A similar dynamic is at play with pornography. People don't feel comfortable talking about it in church because they feel like it's akin to admitting you're an adulterer.

....Pornography is a spiritual disaster, much as an earthquake is a natural disaster, and the wreckage is all around us. After an earthquake, people learn from the calamity. They rebuild in different places. They use earthquake-resistant

architecture so that the next one won't do as much damage. They don't ignore that an earthquake just happened, or instead ponder tornadoes, hurricanes, and volcanic eruptions. Our problem isn't impurity. It's pornography. "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." (END)

### **1 Desire change.**

**2 Change your habits:** Clean the computer of all and any porn. Install blocking software like [covenanteyes.com](http://covenanteyes.com) Have someone else set the password so you can't change the settings. Use devices in the common areas of your home. Be careful of late at night, alone, bad day, tired.

**3 Get Accountable** This battle cannot be won alone, by yourself, simply on will-power. Our wills are weakened by original sin and we are deceived and betrayed by pride the worst of the deadly sins. Go to Confession frequently. Check out online recovery programs like X3watch.com

**4 Pray:** We cannot do this alone. Receive Communion frequently. Pray the Rosary. Pray to St. Joseph and your Guardian Angel. Check out the Angelic Warfare Confraternity [angelicwarfare.org](http://angelicwarfare.org). Members commit to praying 15 Hail Mary's each day for chastity.

**5 Make the Morning Offering** of your day to God in union with the Mass and specifically pray for remaining porn-free just for the day. It's one day at a time. Renew the intention at Noon and then at 6PM. Examine your conscience at night and say an Act of Contrition.

Check out [roadtopurity.com](http://roadtopurity.com)

**WHAT WE ARE TO DO WHEN WOUNDED** When you realize that you have been wounded by sin, whether through weakness or malice, do not lose your courage or become panic-stricken. Turn to God with a great and humble confidence saying: "See, O Master, what I am able to do. When I rely on my own strength, I commit nothing but sins." Meditating on this, recognize the extent of your humiliation and express to our Lord your sorrow for the offense committed. With an unperturbed heart, indict your vicious passions, especially the one that has occasioned your fall, and confess:

"O Lord, I would not have stopped at this had not Your goodness restrained me." Give thanks to God, and more than ever give to Him the complete love of your heart. What generosity on His part! You have offended Him and, despite this, He extends His hand to prevent another fall. With your heart full of confidence in His infinite mercy, say to Him: "O Master, show forth Thy Divinity and pardon me! Never permit me to be separated from Thee, deprived of Thy help; never permit me to offend Thee again!" After you have done this, do not upset yourself by examining whether God has forgiven you or not. This is a complete loss of time, an outcropping of pride, a spiritual sickness, an illusion of the devil who seeks to harm you under cover of an apparently good act. Place yourself in the merciful arms of God, and plunge into your usual duties, as though nothing had happened. The number of times during the day that you fall cannot shake the basis of a true confidence in Him. Return after your second, your third, your last defeat, with the same confidence.

Each lapse will teach you greater contempt for your own strength, greater hatred for sin, and, at the same time, will give you greater prudence. This will dismay your enemy because it is pleasing to God. The devil will be thrown into confusion, baffled by one he has so often overcome. As a result, he will bend every effort to induce you to change your tactics. He frequently succeeds when a strict watch is not kept over the tendencies of the heart. The efforts expended in conquering yourself must correspond to the difficulties encountered. A single performance of this exercise is not sufficient. It should be frequently repeated though but one fault has been committed. Consequently, if you have fallen, if you are greatly perturbed and your confidence is shaken, you must first recover your peace of mind and confidence in God. Raise your heart to Heaven. Be convinced that the trouble that sometimes follows the commission of a fault is not so much a sorrow for having offended God, but is a fear of punishment.

The way to recover this peace is to forget, for the moment, your fault and to concentrate on the ineffable goodness of God and His burning desire to pardon the gravest sinners. He uses every possible means to call the sinners back, to unite them entirely to Himself, to sanctify them in this life, and make them eternally happy in the next. This consideration, or others of its kind, will bring peace back to your soul. Then you may reconsider the malice of your error in the light of what has been said above. Finally, when you approach the Sacrament of Penance—I advise you to do this frequently—recall all of your sins and sincerely confess them. Reawaken your sorrow for having committed them, and renew your resolutions to amend your life in the future.

*The Spiritual Combat* by Lorenzo Scupoli



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week  
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**40 Days for Life:** September 22 – October 31, 2021  
Your prayers can save lives and change hearts. 40 Days for Life is a life-saving prayer campaign that will take place throughout our Archdiocese starting on September 22 and concluding October 31. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than 19,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign, visit: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

**The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers** will hold its annual Communion Breakfast on Sun., September 19<sup>th</sup>. Mass at St. Anthony's Church at 10am. Breakfast at Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost: \$30. Bring a friend. For more information call 914-423-5331.

**Sing a New Song: Best Practices for 21st Century Music Ministry Workshop** - Join the archdiocesan Liturgy Office for an online workshop designed for parish musicians, clergy, and anyone eager to learn more about best practices for music ministry programs. Presented Vincent Carr, American Guild of Organists. Wednesday, September 29, 7-9pm. Registration fee: \$15. Online Webinar - Learn from the comfort of your own home! More information and registration: [singanewsongworkshop.eventbrite.com](http://singanewsongworkshop.eventbrite.com)  
Contact: [liturgy@archny.org](mailto:liturgy@archny.org) or 914.968.6200, x8177

**Scouting Info Night** - Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 07:00pm in the St. Paul the Apostle Gym (77 Lee Ave). All boys' and girls' grades K to 5<sup>th</sup> for Cubs and 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> for Scouts are invited to attend and find out what fun and adventures they are missing. For further information call Tom Smyth – 914-237-0294 or Cindy Aviles – 914-648-8971.

## FORMED

**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. On the 14<sup>th</sup> read, *St. Helena and the True Cross* on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Watch: FORMED Now! – *Exaltation of the Holy Cross* or listen to: *Understanding the Crusades*. The 15<sup>th</sup> 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 *Sorrowful Mysteries*.




**Religious Education** - Registration is now open for re-enrollment and new families. In person registration will be held September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> after all masses. To access the registration form, please log on to the parish website: [stpaulyonkers.org](http://stpaulyonkers.org) and click on the Religious Education tab. Mail to: Attn: St. Paul's Rel. Ed. Program, 602 Mclean Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705 or place in the Sunday collection basket. For further information please call: 914-965-9333.



A day of fellowship, spiritual enrichment, and practical insights on how to live out our faith during this time of adversity. We will be joined by His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Fr. Don Calloway, Mike Piazza, and Dr. Greg Bottaro! Register at [adultfaithformation@archny.org](mailto:adultfaithformation@archny.org)

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