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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 4:00-4:45 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
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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

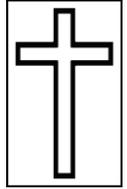
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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



MASS *Intentions*

<u>Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Jan. 1, 2022</u>
5:00 Tom Hoar Jr.	Mary Hoar
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Jan. 2, 2022</u>
7:45 Sr. Eileen Treanor	The Morrissey's
9:15 Gioconnda, John & Maria Abbatiello	
10:45 Danny Doohan	Catherine O'Sullivan
12:15 Shelia White	Josephine/Sonny Imbrogno
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Jan. 3, 2022</u>
9:00 Anne & Paddy Brennan	Mary Brennan
12:00 Brian Boland	Alicia Boland
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Jan. 4, 2022</u>
9:00 John Henighan	Mary Brennan
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Jan. 5, 2022</u>
9:00 Christopher Slattery (living)	Thomas M.
12:00 Tim & Sara Crawford (living)	A. Boland
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Jan. 6, 2022</u>
9:00 Souls in Purgatory	A friend
12:00 Marion Zagarese	
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Jan. 7, 2022</u>
9:00 Matilda Baldi	Rose Baldi
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Jan. 8, 2022</u>
9:00 Joseph Thomas Potter	H & B Burns
12:00 Deceased of Reymondez Ramos	Matilde
5:00 Gerry Segreti	Fanny Peters
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Jan. 9, 2022</u>
7:45 Sr. Eileen Treanor	McKiernan fmly
9:15 Cornelius Douglas	Curtin family
10:45 Thomas Byrne	Joan Hayes
12:15 Shelia White	Carmine Carletto
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	

PRAY REMEMBER *the sick of our parish*

Michael Curtin, Phyllis Esposito, Dominic Mannochi, 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, Andrea Caputo, Ed Stanton, Joan Napoli, Joseph Mulgrew, Ann Zillitto, and Robert Bruckner.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Kathryn Mastriaco, Rafael Pico, Joan Odell, Grace Kreso, Ana Santana, Guzman Castillo, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Jan. 1 st	5:00 K. Snyder	
Jan. 2 nd	7:45 T. Meaney	9:15 J. Barton
	10:45 A. Urgola	12:15 V. Rahiman

Weekly Collection

STEWARDSHIP: Week of December 26, 2021:

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STEWARDSHIP: Week of December 19, 2021:

1 st Collection	\$4,700
2 nd Collection	\$812
Other monies	\$238
Christmas	\$270
Online Giving	\$1,875
Total	\$7,895

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The Vaccines and Government Religious Bigotry

Catholic journalist Philip Lawler has written an essay called *Justice Gorsuch in dissent against religious bigotry*. You can read it here: www.catholicculture.org/commentary/justice-gorsuch-in-dissent-against-religious-bigotry/ Some bullet points from the essay:

-Governor Hochul has laughed off the religious-freedom claim, announcing that no “sanctioned religious exemption from any religion” would be allowed.

-There are Catholic prelates and theologians who argue—persuasively—that the use of vaccines developed using fetal cell lines is ethically unacceptable.

-The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has emphasized that vaccination must be voluntary.

-Mr. Lawler didn't mention this but the Fifth commandment requires that a person use ordinary care to preserve their lives and this includes what treatments or medicines to take or not take based on medical advice and the risks involved. Neither Hochul or the federal government has been up front about the risks involved associated with the various vaccines.

-The Governor has said: “You know theres people out there who aren't listening to God and what God wants. You know who they are.” She's making an argument based on religious values although she cannot by any stretch of the imagination know what people aren't listening to God or what God wants.

Journalist Philip Lawler notes: *That last phrase—“You know who they are”—strikes an ominous note. Is the Governor encouraging the people of New York to look with suspicion on those who wish to claim religious exemptions? Is she setting them up to be rejected as enemies of the people? Is it not enough that, under her mandate, they would lose their jobs—and be ineligible for unemployment benefits? The Hochul mandate looks like a policy designed to punish religious dissenters.* He urges that people read Judge Gorsuch's dissent in a case called: *DR. A, ET AL., APPLICANTS v. KATHY HOCHUL, GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK, ET AL. ON APPLICATION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF*

Some highlights from the Gorsuch-dissent:

-The doctors and nurses who filed this suit and a companion case have gone to great lengths to serve their patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. J. is an OB/GYN who works in a New York hospital. She is also a devout Catholic. During the pandemic, she has consistently treated patients infected with COVID-19 in spite of the risks to herself. Sometimes, in emergencies, she has had to rush into a delivery room without knowing whether a delivering mother is infected with the disease. Dr. J. has done all this even while pregnant herself. These applicants are not “anti-vaxxers” who object to all vaccines.

-The Free Exercise (of religion) Clause protects not only the right to hold unpopular religious beliefs inwardly and secretly. It protects the right to live out those beliefs publicly in “the performance of (or abstention from) physical acts.” *Employment Div., Dept. of Human Resources of Ore. v. Smith*, 494 U. S. 872, 877 (1990). Under this Court's precedents, laws targeting acts for disfavor only when they are religious in nature or because of their religious character are “doubtless . . . unconstitutional.” *Id.*, at 877–878. As a result, where “official expressions of hostility to religion” accompany laws or policies burdening free exercise, we have simply “set aside” such policies without further inquiry.

-The new Governor went on to announce changes to the State's unemployment scheme designed to single out for special disfavor healthcare workers who failed to comply with the revised mandate. This record gives rise to more than a “slight suspicion” that New York acted out of “animosity [toward] or distrust of “unorthodox religious beliefs and practices. *Id.*, at ___ (slip op., at 17). This record practically exudes suspicion of those who hold unpopular religious beliefs. That alone is sufficient to render the mandate unconstitutional as applied to these applicants.

-Maybe the most telling evidence that New York's policy isn't narrowly tailored lies in how unique it is. It seems that nearly every other State has found that it can satisfy its COVID-19 public health goals without coercing religious objectors to accept a vaccine. See Addendum to Application for Injunctive Relief. Nor has New York “offer[ed] persuasive reasons” why it, almost uniquely, cannot do the

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same. Holt, 574 U. S., at 369. To the contrary, as we have seen, what explanations the Governor has chosen to undermine rather than advance the State's case.

-New York has presented nothing to suggest that accommodating the religious objectors before us would make a meaningful difference to the protection of public health. The State has not even tried. The evidence before us shows that employee vaccination rates in the State's healthcare facilities already stand at between roughly 90% and 96%.

-At first, this Court permitted States to shutter houses of worship while allowing casinos, movie theaters, and other favored businesses to remain open. Falling prey once more to the "judicial impulse to stay out of the way in times of crisis," the Court allowed States to do all this even when religious institutions agreed to follow the same occupancy limits and protective measures considered safe enough for comparable gatherings in secular spaces Roman Catholic Diocese, 592 U. S., at ___ (GORSUCH, J., concurring) (slip op., at 5). But as days gave way to weeks and weeks to months, this Court came to recognize that the Constitution is not to be put away in challenging times, and we stopped tolerating discrimination against religious exercises. Tandon, 593 U. S., at ___ (slip op., at 1). Finally, churches and synagogues and mosques reopened on equal footing with secular institutions.

-Still, it seems the old lessons are hard ones. Six weeks ago, this Court refused relief in a case involving Maine's healthcare workers. Mills, 595 U. S. ___. Today, the Court repeats the mistake by turning away New York's doctors and nurses. We do all this even though the State's executive decree clearly interferes with the free exercise of religion—and does so seemingly based on nothing more than fear and anger at those who harbor unpopular religious beliefs. We allow the State to insist on the dismissal of thousands of medical workers—the very same individuals New York has depended on and praised for their service on the pandemic's front lines over the last 21 months. To add insult to injury, we allow the State to deny these individuals unemployment benefits too.

-One can only hope today's ruling will not be the final chapter in this grim story. Cases like this one may serve as cautionary tales for those who follow. But how many more reminders do we need that "the Constitution is not to be obeyed or disobeyed as the circumstances of a particular crisis . . . may suggest"? Downes v. Bidwell, 182 U. S. 244, 384 (1901) (Harlan, J., dissenting)

COSTCO OFFENDS CHRISTIANS

Catholic League president Bill Donohue explains why Costco has offended Christians: In the December edition of *Costco Connection*, a publication of Costco Wholesale, the lead article, "A Festive Season," compares Christmas to Hanukkah and Kwanzaa in a way that is downright insulting. Written by Tim Talevich, the editorial director of the magazine, he offers a 111-word account of Hanukkah, a 38-word statement about Christmas and a 43-word summary of Kwanzaa. This alone would not mean much, but when we read what he says about the three holidays, it takes on more significance.

What Talevich says about Hanukkah and Kwanzaa is accurate and nicely done. But when it comes to Christmas, he resorts to editorializing, and in a way that is not endearing to Christians. We are told that December 25 is "likely not his [Jesus'] birthday" and that the "early Christians didn't even celebrate Christmas." He closes by saying "it's a popular secular and religious event around the world." It may be that December 25th is not the actual birthday of Jesus. So what? Why be pedantic about it? That's when it is celebrated. We declared our independence from England on July 2, 1776, yet we celebrate the Declaration on July 4th. Moreover, if Talevich is quick to doubt the birth date of Jesus, why did he write with certainty about the Maccabees in the second century B.C.? The first evidence of celebrating Christmas is around A.D. 200. What does this mean to the average Christian? Nothing. Lots of celebratory events in history evolved over time, for all sorts of reasons. So what is the point that Talevich wants to make?

Any cultural observer worth his salt knows the game that is being played here. In keeping with the cultural mantra about inclusion and diversity—which are clearly political constructs—he seeks to elevate any day in December that could possibly compete with Christmas. That is why he even finds time to mention the winter solstice on December 21st, National Ugly Sweater Day on December 17th, and Festivus on December 23rd. Talevich is not alone in diluting the importance of Christmas. Secularists can't cancel it, though many have tried, but they can create faux competition with it. Talevich ends by saying, "Costco's role in all this? We're here with food, gifts and just about anything else you might need to fully celebrate December's holidays." He is being disingenuous. Without Christmas, Costco's cash registers wouldn't ring so loudly. The food and gifts they sell are overwhelmingly Christmas gifts, and everyone knows it. Recognizing all legitimate holidays is a good thing, but treating a major religious holiday as if it were inauthentic is offensive. This wouldn't matter if Costco had a lousy reputation. And it wouldn't matter if Talevich were a low-level employee. But neither is true which is why it matters.

The early Church summed up Mary's Maternity in a single Greek word.



In the year 431 there was a fierce debate raging in the Catholic Church regarding a specific title of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The debate required a rare Ecumenical Council at the city of Ephesus to resolve the issue. Two different arguments were presented, one by Bishop Nestorius of Constantinople and the other by St. Cyril of Alexandria. Nestorius firmly believed that Mary should be called *Christotokos*, "Birth-giver of Christ" (also translated as "Christ-bearer"). Fr. Dwight Longnecker explains that "Nestorius used language that was perceived as asserting that there were two separate persons conjoined in Jesus Christ. Thus the Blessed Virgin Mary in giving Jesus human flesh could be the 'Christ-bearer' but not 'God-bearer.'" This was determined to be false teaching, heresy. St. Cyril and a great number of bishops taught that Mary should be called *Theotokos*, "Birth-giver to God" (also translated as "God-bearer" or "Mother of God"). This terminology affirmed that Jesus is "one person in two natures which are united." It was decreed by the Council of Ephesus that *Theotokos* was the correct title for Mary, and Nestorius was subsequently removed from his position as bishop of Constantinople as a heretic.

The title "Mother of God" does not mean Mary somehow existed before God or created God, but that Mary gave birth to Jesus, who is fully God and fully man.

The *Catechism* puts it like this, "In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly 'Mother of God' (*Theotokos*)" (CCC 495).

The Eastern Church continues to theotokos, preferring it to any other of her titles. An ancient hymn in their liturgy poetically summarizes this complex truth, "He whom the entire universe could not contain was contained within your womb, O Theotokos."

The decision to call Mary *Theotokos* was a pivotal point in the Church's history. It clarified the Church's belief in Jesus Christ and gave further confirmation regarding the nature of Christ's incarnation. What the Church believed about Jesus since apostolic times was ratified at the Council of Ephesus.

Furthermore, the granting of this title confirmed Mary's privileged role in salvation history and deepened understanding of the great mystery that occurred in her womb.

To honor the memory of this council, Pope Pius XI in 1931 established the feast of the Divine Maternity of Mary on October 11, which after the Second Vatican Council was transferred to January 1 and renamed the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God in the ordinary form of the Mass. The original date of the Maternity of Mary is kept on October 11 in the traditional Latin liturgy of the Church called the extraordinary form.

Mother, help our faith! Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize his voice and call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise. Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith. Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature. Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One. Remind us that those who believe are never alone. Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!

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