

# St. Paul the Apostle Parish



## Lincoln Park

**Fr. Leonard F. Villa, Pastor**

**Fr. Michael J. Morrow, Parochial Vicar**

**Fr. George Valliamthadathil, M.S.F.S.**

**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 6:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

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### Religious Education Office

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77 Lee Ave., Yonkers, NY 10705  
Tel: 914-965-9333

### 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



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## NOVEMBER 27, 2022



### MASS *Intentions*

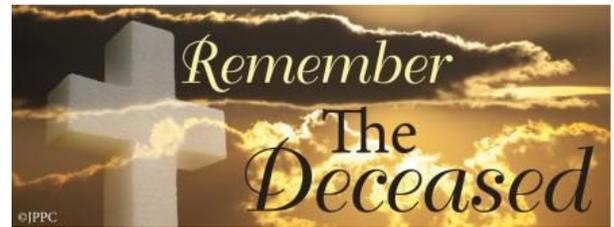
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<b><u>Intention:</u></b>	<b><u>Requested by:</u></b>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Nov. 26, 2022</u></b>
5:00 Tommy Smyth & Pat O'Connor	
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Nov. 27, 2022</u></b>
7:45 Pia Cicia (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)	Family
9:15 Patrick Dorney	Irene Moyles
10:45 Mary & Michael Woods	Joan Hayes
12:15 For Holy Souls	Jacob family
2:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Nov. 28, 2022</u></b>
9:00 Mary Moore	Kieran/Brid O'Sullivan
12:00 John DiPippo	
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Nov. 29, 2022</u></b>
9:00 Claire Thomas	Jacob family
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Nov. 30, 2022</u></b>
9:00 Raymond J. Haack (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) wife, Sarah	
12:00 Richard Scott	
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Dec. 1, 2022</u></b>
9:00 Patrick Dorney	
12:00 Martin Beirne (living-for healing) family	
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b><u>Dec. 2, 2022</u></b>
9:00 Isabel Mazzilli	family
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Dec. 3, 2022</u></b>
9:00 Les Hardy	Kathleen Jacob
12:00 Vito Giordano	wife, Carolyn
5:00 Raymond J. Haack (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) family	
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Dec. 4, 2022</u></b>
7:45 Mercedes Mora	Raquel Mora
9:15 Helen Fitzgerald Nolan	Eddie Moore
10:45 Frank Beirne	Mary
12:15 Petti Families	Imbrogno family
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	

### PRAY REMEMBER *the sick of our parish*

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Michael Curtin, Mary Byrne, Richard Lyons, Frank Pallett, Louis Campos, Joan Napoli, Joseph Mulgrew, Vicente Romero, Cathair Cashin, John Mauser, Jim Donnell, Chris Slattery, Robert Bruckner, Grace Lyons, Ayanah Audrey Naron, Denyse Guariglia, Gene Marchesi, Judith Teng, Lolita Lim, Irene DiGenno, Rene Laino, Barbara Dallow and Martin Beirne.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Daniel DePonto, Ruben Monroid, Monica Nelley, Joel Freitas, and those who mourn them.

**LECTORS:**

Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 K. Magee	
Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:45 R. Pflaumer	9:15 A. Canale
	10:45 J. Hayes	12:15 E. Slattery

### Weekly Collection

**STEWARDSHIP: Week of November 20, 2022:**

*Figures unavailable at the time of printing.*

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!*



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### The So-Called Respect for Marriage Act

There is a bill floating in Congress with this title, which frankly is dishonest. This bill is NOT about respect for marriage. Quite the contrary. With the return of the issue of abortion to the states, there was worry by some that the same fate would befall so-called "homosexual marriage" by overturning the *Obergefell vs Hodges* decision of the Supreme Court, which ruled for same-sex marriage. Thus the issue would be returned to the individual states. Whether overturned or not, the *Obergefell*-decision is a nullity and any law codifying this decision would be a nullity **because courts and legislatures have no power to change the nature of marriage**. Marriage was never a grant of any court, legislature, or political power because marriage existed prior to any political power and is rooted in human nature. However this attempt by raw judicial, executive, or legislative power to define marriage is part of a larger cultural issue allied with such issues as trans-humanism and gender-ideology. This attempt to be "gods" and claim a "new creation" based on human power goes back to the rebellion of original sin, hinted to in myths like Prometheus, and updated in the novel *Frankenstein*. **A cardinal point of Catholic social teaching is that the nuclear family, father, mother, and children, is the basic building block of society, rooted in human nature and this cannot be usurped by any human power.** The health of any society depends on this.

*The Compendium of Catholic Social Teaching* teaches: *The solidity of the family nucleus is a decisive resource for the quality of life in society, therefore the civil community cannot remain indifferent to the destabilizing tendencies that threaten its foundations at their very roots. Although legislation may sometimes tolerate morally unacceptable behavior, it must never weaken the recognition of indissoluble monogamous marriage as the only authentic form of the family. It is therefore necessary that the public authorities "resist these tendencies which divide society and are harmful to the dignity, security and welfare of the citizens as individuals, and they must try to ensure that public opinion is not led to undervalue the institutional importance of marriage and the family." It is the task of the Christian community and of all who have the good of society at heart to reaffirm that "the family constitutes much more than a mere juridical, social and economic unit, a community of love and solidarity, which is uniquely suited to teach and transmit cultural, ethical, social, spiritual and religious values, essential for the development and well-being of its own members and of society."*<sup>229</sup> According to this perspective, it is obligatory that positive law be conformed to the natural law, according to which sexual identity is indispensable, because it is the objective condition for forming a couple in marriage. Hence the so-called *Respect for Marriage Act* is immoral and contrary to human well-being.

While there must be pastoral concern and care for persons with homosexual attraction, this does not mean that marriage can be between persons of the same sex. **Marriage is not a human construct or political platform but something rooted in human nature.** Sometimes you hear the phrase homosexual person or LGBTQ etc. person, as if there are alternate human natures. **Human beings did not create themselves. Rather human nature is something received.** Hence joining a political movement or isolated sexual attractions do not define human nature or the order of sexuality which is also received as both procreative and unitive between a man and a woman for the welfare of children and building up of society. Just as human beings cannot create their own order of health they cannot create their own order of sexuality. Moreover no pope, bishop, synod, cleric, or layperson can change the order of sexuality just as they could not change the order of health for the human being, or physical laws like the rising and setting of the sun. Sadly, in Germany and elsewhere many have abandoned the Catholic faith in this regard and the natural order to worship themselves in a "religion" of political correctness thus betraying the promises of their ordination in distorting and abandoning the Catholic Faith.

Sometimes you hear the phrase, "love is love," to justify same-sex marriage. What kind of love? C.S. Lewis wrote a book called *The Four Loves* based on the insights of the ancient Greeks. There is emotional-instinctual love; there is the love between friends; there is the love between a man and a woman; and there is God's love. In the attempt to justify same-sex marriage there is confusion between the love between friends, which can be quite strong, and can be same-sex, and the love between a man and woman, which has a procreative and unitive meaning as part of human nature. The continuing attacks on the nuclear family and the attacks on fathers and masculinity are serious destabilizing factors in society causing crime, poverty, and social disorder because human beings are not gods. They cannot create an alternate universe designed simply from ideas in their heads, which is a recipe for disaster.

There is also spiritual warfare going on here. The distinguished moral theologian and former Archbishop of Bologna, Cardinal Carlo Caffarra received a letter from Sister Lucia, who saw our Lady at Fatima. In her letter she said: **the final battle between the Lord and the reign of Satan will be about marriage and the family. Don't be afraid, she added, because anyone who operates for the sanctity of marriage and the family will always be contended and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue.** And then she concluded: **however, Our Lady has already crushed Satan's head.** (END)



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### There Is No Peace to Be Compared with that of the Souls in Purgatory Save That of the Saints in Paradise

As far as I can see, the souls in purgatory can have no choice but to be there; this God has most justly ordained by his divine decree. ...They retain no memory of either good or evil respecting themselves or others which would increase their pain. They are so contented with the divine dispositions in their regard; and with doing all that is pleasing to God in that way which he chooses, that they cannot think of themselves, though they may strive to do so.

They see nothing but the operation of the divine goodness which is so manifestly bringing them to God that they can reflect neither on their own profit nor on their hurt. Could they do so, they would not be in pure charity. They see not that they suffer their pains in consequence of their sins, nor can they for a moment entertain that thought, for should they do so it would be an active imperfection, and that cannot exist in a state where there is no longer the possibility of sin. At the moment of leaving this life they see why they are sent to purgatory, but never again, otherwise they would still retain something private, which has no place there. Being established in charity, they can never deviate there from by any defect, and have no will or desire, save the pure will of pure love, and can swerve from it in nothing. They can neither commit sin, nor merit by refraining from it.

There is no peace to be compared with that of the souls in purgatory, save that of the saints in paradise, and this peace is ever augmented by the inflowing of God into these souls, which increases in proportion as the impediments to it are removed. The rust of sin is the impediment, and this the fire continually consumes, so that the soul in this state is continually opening itself to admit the divine communication. As a covered surface can never reflect the sun, not through any defect in that orb, but simply from the resistance offered by the covering, so, if the covering be gradually removed, the surface will by little and little be opened to the sun and will more and more reflect his light.

So it is with the rust of sin, which is the covering of the soul. In purgatory the flames incessantly consume it, and as it

disappears, the soul reflects more and more perfectly the true sun who is God. Its contentment increases as this rust wears away, and the soul is laid bare to the divine ray, and thus one increases, and the other decreases until the time is accomplished. The pain never diminishes, although the time does, but as to the will, so united is it to God by pure charity, and so satisfied to be under his divine appointment, that these souls can never say their pains are pains....

Since the souls in purgatory are freed from the guilt of sin, there is no barrier between them and God save only the pains they suffer, which delay the satisfaction of their desire. And when they see how serious is even the slightest hindrance, which the necessity of justice causes to check them, a vehement flame kindles within them, which is like that of hell. They feel no guilt however, and it is guilt which is the cause of the malignant will of the condemned in hell, to whom God does not communicate his goodness, and thus they remain in despair and with a will forever opposed to the good will of God....

The souls in purgatory are entirely conformed to the will of God; therefore, they correspond with his goodness, are contented with all that he ordains, and are entirely purified from the guilt of their sins. They are pure from sins, because they have in this life abhorred them and confessed them with true contrition, and for this reason God remits their guilt, so that only the stains of sin remain, and these must be devoured by the fire. Thus freed from guilt and united to the will of God, they see him clearly according to that degree of light which he allows them, and comprehend how great a good is the fruition of God, for which all souls were created. Moreover, these souls are in such close conformity to God, and are drawn so powerfully toward him by reason of the natural attraction between him and the soul, that no illustration or comparison could make this impetuosity understood in the way in which my spirit conceives it by its interior sense. **St. Catherine of Genoa**

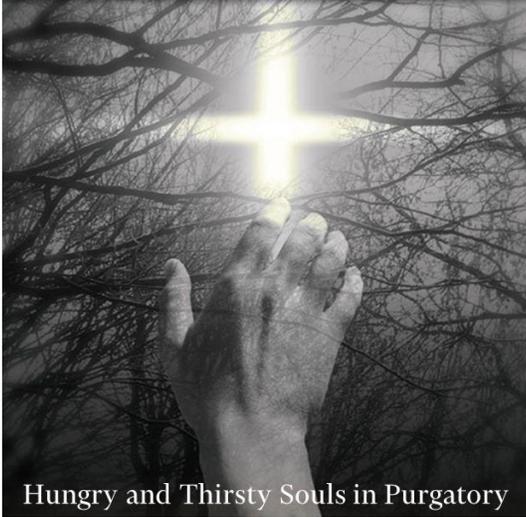


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The Society of the Patricians through the Legion of Mary invite you to share your thoughts on the following topic:



Hungry and Thirsty Souls in Purgatory

What Can We Do To Help Them?

Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the cafeteria of St. Paul the Apostle School.

### 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. Today is the First Sunday of Advent. Watch: *Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage*, *Formed Daily – Advent Reflections*, or *Prepare the Way with Bob Rice*. Listen to: *Prepare the Way of the King*, *Advent Through the Centuries*, or *Advent: Rethinking the Season*. For children, Watch: *Brother Francis: The Days of Advent*. To learn more about St. Catherine Laboure, listen to: *Truth to Inspire: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal*. The 30<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle. Watch: *St. Andrew: After the Upper Room*.

St. Paul's Prayer Group meets in person in the Cafeteria on Tuesdays, at 8:00 PM. All are welcome. Join our CRL Global Prayer Meeting live on Saturday's at 6:30 pm on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/774143374>  
Meeting id: 774 143 374 Password: 032111  
(Rosary, Praise & Worship, Teaching / Reflection / Adoration/Benediction)  
For information, call 914.318.8787

Holiday Toy Drive - Please join Hodder Farenga Funeral Home in a Holiday Toy Drive now through December 12<sup>th</sup>. 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!

Writing Workshop for Seniors at Sarah Lawrence College, Saturdays 11am to 1pm. Poetry – Stories – Scripts. For more info. email [alang@sarahlawrence.edu](mailto:alang@sarahlawrence.edu)

**The Legion of Mary** St. Paul's is blessed to have a chapter of the Legion of Mary which meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the classroom next to the cafeteria. Members can be Active (must attend meetings) or Auxiliary (no meeting attendance required) – all Catholics are welcome to join. For more information, please contact Kathy Scott (347-835-9259), Margaret Keane (516-375-9764) or visit [www.legionofmary.org](http://www.legionofmary.org).

Holiday Shopping at Graymoor – Modern Makers Market, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>, Rt. 9, Garrison. Artisans and Artists – Food and Raffles. \$5 admission which will benefit Graymoor.

The Presentation Sisters invite you to a morning retreat on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Presentation Administrative Center in New Windsor. Sister Virginia Wilkinson will present "Waiting for the Dough to Rise," a morning of reflection in which you are invited to return to Bethlehem to take a fresh look at the Jesus who nourishes us and asks us to be "bread blessed and broken" for others. To RSVP or with questions, contact Kelly at 845-564-0513 x101 or [kellyr@sistersofthepresentation.org](mailto:kellyr@sistersofthepresentation.org).

**The Mass Book for 2023 is now open. There is a limit of 4 Saturday/Sunday masses until further notice to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to have masses said. Please come, call or email the rectory weekdays between 8am-12. The stipend remains at \$15 each.**