

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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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
E-mail: 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



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
APRIL 2, 2023



P R A Y E R
for the infirm of our parish ©JPPC

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, Martin Beirne, and Ronald Lee.

Weekly **MASS** *Intentions*
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Intention:

Requested by:

Saturday

Apr. 1, 2023

5:00 John & Mary McGoey Scott/McGoey fmly

Sunday

Apr. 2, 2023

7:45 Peter & Frankie Daly Daly family

9:15 Antonio & Pasqua Canale Pia Canale

10:45 McNicholas Family Ann

12:15 Msgr. Gallagher St. Paul's Prayer Group

1:30 People of the Parish – Traditional Latin Mass

Monday

Apr. 3, 2023

9:00 Patrick Flynn Mary Beirne

12:00 Vincent A. DiPippo Family (living)

Tuesday

Apr. 4, 2023

9:00 Mary Douglas Desmond Douglas

Wednesday

Apr. 5, 2023

9:00 For Holy Souls Jacob family

12:00 Silverio Mazzella

See Holy Week Schedule



Please remember in prayer all those who died
 this week especially, Elsa Huck, Arlene Leone,
 Annie Josephine Ward, Nilda Mena, Rosetta
 Damiano, Mary Ellen Murray, Margaret
 Maybury, Robert and Lois Reape, and those
 who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Apr. 1st 5:00 K. Magee

Apr. 2nd 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 A. Canale

10:45 J. Hayes 12:15 E. Slattery



Sunday

Apr. 9, 2023

7:45 The Leahy Family Kieran/Brid O'Sullivan

9:15 Bridie McAndrews (for healing) Mary Beirne

10:45 John Kopp Marguerite Kopp

12:15 Concetta & Luigi Carletto Family

1:30 People of the Parish – Traditional Latin Mass

Weekly Collection

STEWARDSHIP: Week of March 26, 2023

1st Collection \$5,849

2nd Collection \$952

Candle offerings \$207

Online Giving \$1,200

Total \$8,208

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 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 and click "Online Giving". Thank you
 for your generosity!



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Attempts to Re-Define Marriage, Change Gender, Transhumanism

....“(I)n the attempt to create a new type of human being one can recognize an ideological element in which man tries to take the place of his Creator”

...*Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith*

“Man,” I cried, “how ignorant art thou in thy pride of wisdom!”
Frankenstein, The Modern Prometheus

The moment...a will of (claimed) absolute independence and of power without limits clashes on all sides with the being it has not brought about, what remains to it other than to throw itself into revolt against what is and to seek help in outbursts of violence that nothing can appease. For all being becomes truly unbearable to it, whether it be the things of God or its own being. This is why in its rage at not being able to create, man becomes anti-creative. “

Social Progress and Revolution

The Committee on Catholic Doctrine of the U.S. Bishops has issued a “Doctrinal Note” on manipulations of the human body and Catholic teaching. <https://www.usccb.org/resources/Doctrinal%20Note%202023-03-20.pdf>

Here are some bullet-points:

-Modern technology offers an ever-increasing range of means—chemical, surgical, genetic—for intervening in the functioning of the human body, as well as for modifying its appearance. Modern technology, however, produces possibilities not only for helpful interventions, but also for interventions that are injurious to the true flourishing of the human person. **Careful moral discernment is needed to determine which possibilities should be realized and which should not, in order to promote the good of the human person. To do this discernment, it is necessary to employ criteria that respect the created order inscribed in our human nature.**

-A fundamental tenet of the Christian faith is that there is an order in the natural world that was designed by its Creator and that this created order is good (Gen 1:31; Ps 19:1ff.) We did not create human nature; it is a gift from a

loving Creator. Nor do we “own” our human nature, as if it were something that we are free to make use of in any way we please. Thus, genuine respect for human dignity requires that decisions about the use of technology be guided by genuine respect for this created order

-A crucial aspect of the order of nature created by God is the body-soul unity of each human person. **The soul does not come into existence on its own and somehow happen to be in this body, as if it could just as well be in a different body. A soul can never be in another body, much less be in the wrong body. This soul only comes into existence together with this body. What it means to be a human person necessarily includes the body**

-The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms: “Man and woman have been created, which is to say, willed by God: on the one hand, in perfect equality as human persons; on the other, in their respective beings as man and woman. ‘**Being man**’ or ‘**being woman**’ is a reality which is good and willed by God.” The importance and the meaning of sexual difference, as a reality deeply inscribed in man and woman, needs to be noted. “Sexuality characterizes man and woman not only on the physical level, but also on the psychological and spiritual, making its mark on each of their expressions.” It cannot be reduced to a pure and insignificant biological fact, but rather “is a fundamental component of personality, one of its modes of being, of manifestation, of communicating with others, of feeling, of expressing and of living human love.” This capacity to love – reflection and image of God who is Love – is disclosed in the spousal character of the body, in which the masculinity or femininity of the person is expressed.

- Biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated.” **Let us not fall into the sin of trying to replace the Creator. We are creatures, and not omnipotent. Creation is prior to us and must be received as a gift.** At the same time, we are called to protect our humanity, and this means, in the first place, accepting it and respecting it as it was created. **Neither patients nor physicians nor researchers nor any other persons have unlimited rights over the body; they must respect the order and purpose inscribed in the embodied person.** The body is not an object, a mere tool at the disposal of the soul, one that each person may dispose of according to his or her own will, but it is a constitutive part of the human subject, a gift to be received, respected, and cared for as something intrinsic to the person.



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-Here are essentially two scenarios recognized by the Church's moral tradition in which technological interventions on the human body may be morally justified: 1) when such interventions aim to repair a defect in the body; 2) when the sacrifice of a part of the body is necessary for the welfare of the whole body. These kinds of technological interventions respect the fundamental order and purpose inherent in the human person. However, there are other technological interventions that aim neither to repair some defect in the body nor to sacrifice a part for the sake of the whole but, rather, aim to alter the fundamental order of the body. Such interventions do not respect the order and purpose inscribed in the human person

- While the foregoing two types of technological interventions take the basic order of the human person as a given and do not intend to alter it, there is another type of intervention that regards this order as unsatisfactory in some way and proposes a more desirable order, a redesigned order. Procedures used on cells of the body for strictly therapeutic purposes are in principle morally licit" since these procedures "seek to restore the normal genetic health of the patient or to counter damage caused by genetic anomalies or those related to other pathologies." By contrast, genetic engineering "for purposes other than medical treatment" is not morally permissible. Here the intention is to replace the natural order with what is imagined to be a new and better order.

-In a similar way, some proposals for "computer enhancement" also aim to redesign the fundamental order of the human being and to produce a new type of human being (transhumanism) by replacing some or all bodily organs with artificial cyber devices. These kinds of technological interventions are, in most cases, currently in the developmental stage or are under theoretical consideration.

-What is widely in practice today, however, and what is of great concern, is the range of technological interventions advocated by many in our society as treatments for what is termed "gender dysphoria" or "gender incongruence." These interventions involve the use of surgical or chemical techniques that aim to exchange the sex characteristics of a patient's body for those of the opposite sex or for simulations thereof. In the case of children, the exchange of sex characteristics is prepared by the administration of chemical puberty blockers, which arrest the natural course of puberty and prevent the development of some sex characteristics in the first place.

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-These technological interventions are not morally justified either as attempts to repair a defect in the body or as attempts to sacrifice a part of the body for the sake of the whole. First, they do not repair a defect in the body: there is no disorder in the body that needs to be addressed; the bodily organs are normal and healthy. Second, the interventions do not sacrifice one part of the body for the good of the whole. When a part of the body is legitimately sacrificed for the sake of the whole body, whether by the entire removal or substantial reconfiguration of a bodily organ, the removal or reconfiguring of the bodily organ is reluctantly tolerated as the only way to address a serious threat to the body.

-Here, the removal or reconfiguring is itself the desired result. Rather than to repair some defect in the body or to sacrifice a part for the sake of the whole, these interventions are intended to transform the body so as to make it take on as much as possible the form of the opposite sex, contrary to the natural form of the body. They are attempts to alter the fundamental order and purpose of the body and to replace it with something else. **Catholic health care services must not perform interventions, whether surgical or chemical, that aim to transform the sexual characteristics of a human body into those of the opposite sex or take part in the development of such procedures. They must employ all appropriate resources to mitigate the suffering of those who struggle with gender incongruence, but the means used must respect the fundamental order of the human body.** Only by using morally appropriate means do healthcare providers show full respect for the dignity of each human person.



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After Our Sins are Forgiven in Confession, Why Do We Get
A Penance?

Our sins, even after they have been forgiven, deserve a temporal punishment, which has to be undergone in this life, or after death in Purgatory, which is where those souls go who die in a state of friendship with God, but without having made full amends for their sins. After our reconciliation with God, there are still left in the soul the remains of sin: a weakness of the will to abide in good. There will remain also a certain facility for making wrong judgments: a certain disorder in the sensual appetite. They are the weakened scars of actual sin and the disordered tendencies left in man by original sin, which are brought to a head by our personal sins.

It is not enough to remove the arrow from the body, says St John Chrysostom, We also have to heal the wound caused by the arrow. It is the same with the soul; after we have received forgiveness for our sins, we have to heal the wound that remains through penance. Even after absolution, Pope John Paul II taught, there remains in the Christian a dark area, due to the wound of sin, to the imperfection of love in repentance, to the weakening of the spiritual faculties. It is an area in which there still operates an infectious source of sin which must always be fought with mortification and penance. This is the meaning of the humble but sincere act of satisfaction.



Reconciliation Monday is April 3rd. Priests will be hearing confessions in every parish of the Archdiocese of NY. The times will be 2-4pm and 6-9pm on that day.

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. Today is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Watch: Lectio: Eucharist, episode 8: *The Last Supper and the Cross, Holy Week in Rome, Preparing for Holy Week/The Augustine Institute Show, or The Resurrection of Jesus – Fact or Fiction.* Listen to: *Holy Week* by Dr. Brant Pitre, *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week* by Pope Benedict XVI, *3 Days That Changed the World*, or *Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross.*

The Society of the Patricians invites you to share your thoughts on the following topic: Can Catholics Do Yoga? Please join us on Thurs., Apr. 13th at 7pm in the school cafeteria.

COFFEE SOCIAL!



Parish Coffee hour Sunday, April 16th after the
9:15am & 10:45am Masses. All are welcome!

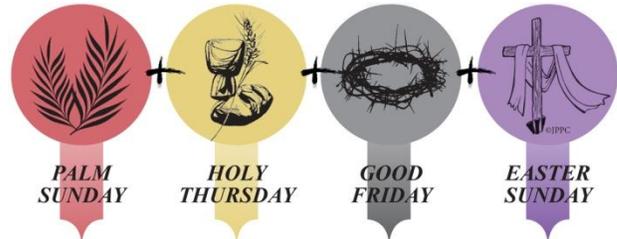
The Hyatt Association will hold its first Community Meeting of 2023 on Wed., April 5th at 7:30 PM. in the St. Barnabas Elementary School Cafeteria. Many important neighborhood issues that have surfaced over the winter will be discussed with officials. Please attend and bring a friend.



the CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout
the Archdiocese of New York*

The 2023 Cardinal's Appeal is in progress. Our parish goal is \$48,500. Every gift/pledge is important no matter what the size. You can give online at the parish website and there are Appeal envelopes in the back of the church. We are currently at 54% of goal. Thank you for your generosity.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2023

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2023

7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30PM to 12pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2023

9:00AM Tenebrae, Liturgy of the Hours
Office of Readings Morning Prayer
3:00PM Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00PM Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2023

9:00AM Tenebrae, Liturgy of the Hours
Office of Readings Morning Prayer

EASTER VIGIL APRIL 8, 2023

8:00PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule