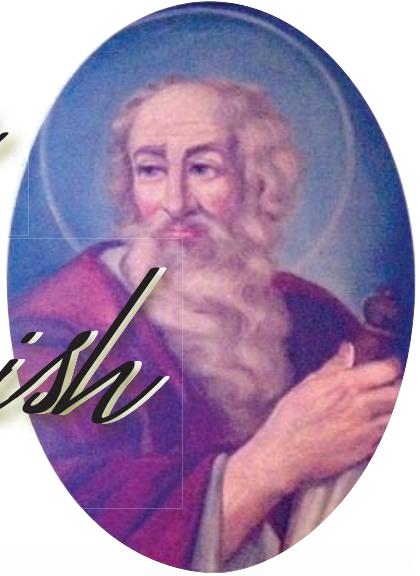


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Masses

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

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E-mail: stpaulyonkers@gmail.com

Parish Meetings

Monday	6:45 PM St. Paul's Folk Dance
Tuesday	7:30 Legion of Mary
Tuesday	8:00 PM Prayer Group
2nd Tuesday	8:00 PM Men's Group
Wednesday	7:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting
Thursday	7:00 PM A.A. Beginners
Thursday	8:00 PM A.A. Closed Meeting
Thursday	7:00 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	7:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting

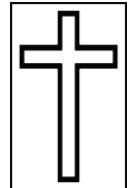
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024



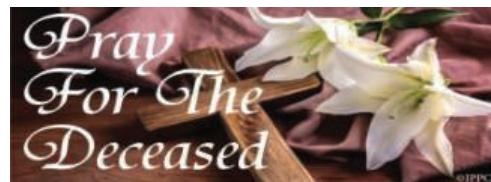
MASS Intentions

<u>Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Feb. 17, 2024</u>
5:00 James Courtney	Margaret & Margaret Mary
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Feb. 18, 2024</u>
7:45 Deceased Members of the Brick Family	
9:15 For the People of the Parish	
10:45 Gerry Flynn	Donnelly & Whelan fmy
12:15 Chacko Jacob & Annie McGuire	
1:30 Michael Della Jacono	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Feb. 19, 2024</u>
9:00 Soledad Susvilla (living-birthday)	family
12:00 Dominic Matthew Cruz	Damaris Castillo
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Feb. 20, 2024</u>
9:00 Christine Harrington	Maureen O'Connor
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Feb. 21, 2024</u>
9:00 Jeanne O'Brien (Bday memorial)	A friend
12:00 Antony Benito Cruz	Damaris Castillo
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Feb. 22, 2024</u>
9:00 Chris Slattery	Donna Grusaky
12:00 Eugene Tunney Maher, Jr.	
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Feb. 23, 2024</u>
9:00 George J. Abraham (12 th Anniv)	Sharon
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Feb. 24, 2024</u>
9:00 Rodelindo Teng	
12:00 Rogelio Ramos & Erundina Carrillo	
5:00 Ita O'Connor (living)	
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Feb. 25, 2024</u>
7:45 St. Paul the Apostle Purgatorial Society	
9:15 Kenny Bailie	McMahon family
10:45 For the People of the Parish	
12:15 Sophia, Skylar & Zenquis	Damaris Costillo
2:30 Giovanni Locorotondo	

L E N T



Michael Curtin, Mary Byrne, Richard Lyons, John Mauser, Jim Donnell, Robert Bruckner, Grace Lyons, Ayanah Audrey Naron, Denyse Guariglia, Lolita Lim, Irene DiGenno, Rene Laino, Barbara Dallow, Martin Beirne, Deirdra Fallon, Cresvic Flores, Kathleen Sage, Sallyann Ricci, Pattiann DelPescio, Waldina Pineda and John Ritter.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Ralph Damiano, Katherine Reilly, Debra Sherman, Colleen Fitzgerald, Vincent M. Saladino, Brian Barcyk, Jeanne Cappello, Matt Ritter, Paul Berardino, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Feb. 18 th	5:00 D. Douglas	
Feb. 19 th	7:45 K. Magee	9:15 J. Barton
	10:45 S. Abraham	12:15 E. Slattery

Weekly Collection

STEWARSHIP: Week of February 11, 2024

1 st Collection	\$3,901
2 nd Collection	\$1,165
Shrines	\$172
Online Giving	\$1,900
Total	\$7,138

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Lent & Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus



*The primary purpose of the devotion is to make reparation
for sins against the first three commandments:
Denial of God, Blasphemy, and the profanation of Sundays and Holy Days.*

Devotion to the Holy Face was revealed by Jesus to **Sr. Marie of St. Peter** (1816-1848) a Carmelite nun of Tours in France. The devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, based on the life and writings of Sr. Marie of St. Peter, was eventually approved by Pope Leo XIII in 1885 who established the devotion as an Arch-confraternity for the whole world. In January 1849 Pope Pius IX had the relic of Veronica's veil placed for public veneration in Rome. During this time, the Divine Face appeared distinctly, as if living, and was illuminated by a soft light. Reproductions of the veil were later printed, touched to the original and sent abroad for veneration.

The Holy Man of Tours - Leo Dupont

Leo Dupont heard of the reported visions of Jesus and Mary by the Carmelite nun Sister Marie of St Peter from 1844 to 1847. Based on this, Dupont started to burn a vigil lamp continuously before a picture of the Holy Face of Jesus based on the painted image on the Veil of Veronica. Dupont used that image because the existence of a clear image on the Shroud of Turin was not known to anyone at that time for the somewhat faded image of the face on the Shroud can not easily be seen with the naked eye and was only observed in May 1898 via the negative plate of Secondo Pia's first photograph. In 1851 Dupont formed the "Archconfraternity of the Holy Face" in Tours. He prayed for and promoted the case for a devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus for around 30 years.

Blessed Maria Pierina de Micheli & The Holy Face of Jesus Devotion & Medal

At the age of twelve, when she was in her Parish Church during the 3pm Good Friday service, she heard a Voice saying quite distinctly: "No one gives me a kiss of love on My Face to make amends for the Kiss of Judas." In her childlike simplicity, she believed that the voice was heard by everyone and was pained to see that only the wounds were kissed but not the face. In her heart exclaiming, "Have patience, dear Jesus, I will give you a kiss of love", and when her turn came she lovingly and devoutly imprinted a kiss on His Face.

Mother Maria Pierina de Micheli obtained permission from her spiritual Director and although she did not have any financial means to get medals of the Holy Face made. She obtained the permission of the photographer Bruner to take copies of the Holy Shroud as reproduced by him, and she received the permission to do so by the Archdiocese of Milan on August 9, 1940. Since then the devotion and the medal have been spread worldwide with much enthusiasm, accompanied all the while by wonderful graces, conversions and cures as a testament and heavenly sign of God's institution and approval of both. This devotion to the Holy face of Jesus so inspired St Therese that she took the full title: 'Sr. Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face'. An image of the Holy Face is attached to the statue of St. Therese here at St Paul's for reverence and devotion.

Sister Pierina explained that evil is rampant and diabolical networks extend to eradicate faith from hearts. The opening prayer of the Mass on Ash Wednesday reminds the faithful that Lent is a campaign of Christian warfare against spiritual evils. In his *Spiritual Exercises*, St. Ignatius Loyola reminds us that the battle is between two armies under two battle standards: Satan and his minions wage war against Christ and His Church. *Satan summons together innumerable devils and spurs them to go, some to one city, some to another, throughout the world, omitting no province, place or state of life nor any person in particular. His attack is universal.* St. Ignatius is the last person to attribute all temptations to the devil.

Still the fact remains, and the Saint strongly emphasizes it, that Satan is constantly at our side, as the embodiment of evil, bent on organizing the attacks of the world and the flesh against us, and on undoing God's work in our souls. Aloysius Ambruzzi S.J., *A Companion to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*, Newman Press 1948 p.105 The Son of God was manifested to undo the works of the devil 1 John 3:8

Spiritual protection is needed: the Holy Face of Jesus. Jesus wanted Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, dedicated to this particular intention of reparation because of the excesses of Mardi Gras, also known as Carnevale. Today all of Lenten practice has become lax. While many people come to church to get ashes, many forget the meaning of the ashes which is to reform our lives and become better Catholics. A Catholic writer recently remarked ... *(O)n Ash Wednesday a steady stream of people would flow in, all day long, to receive their ashes from the friars who worked in relays to satisfy the demand. Only a few of those people would stay for Mass; most would march in to the chapel, receive their ashes, and march back out. No doubt some of those people were pious practicing Catholics who happened to be pressed for time. But many, I'm sure, were entering a Catholic church for the first time in months.*

The Golden Arrow Prayer

"May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen." (END)

The Meaning of “INRI” On the Cross of Jesus

In Exodus 20.2 God reveals his name to Moses: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt". The word translated with "the Lord" is the famous Tetragrammaton (Greek for "four-letter") that the Jews cannot even pronounce and Christians should reverence: "YHWH", vocalized in various ways including "Yahweh". The four Hebrew letters that compose it are these: "יהוה", yod-he-waw-he. Remember that Hebrew is read from right to left. In the Gospel of John, chapter 19 verses 16-22, we read: *They took Jesus and he, carrying the cross, went towards the place called the Skull, in Hebrew Gôlgotha, where they crucified him and two others with him, one from a side and one from the other, and Jesus in the middle. Pilate also composed the inscription and had it placed on the cross; it was written: «Jesus the Nazarene, the king of the Jews». Many Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; it was written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate: "Do not write: 'The king of the Jews', but: 'He said: I am the king of the Jews'". Pilate replied: "What I have written, I have written".*

Although the passage in question is very famous, the scene that took place in front of the crucified Jesus must have been a little different from how we have always imagined it. St. John perhaps tried to emphasize it, but if the reader, does not know the Hebrew language, He would be unable to understand the real meaning: The inscription John speaks of is the famous acronym "INRI", still depicted today above the crucified Jesus. The acronym, which stands for the Latin *Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudeorum*, means precisely "Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews". But John specifies that the inscription was also in Hebrew. Not only that: in such an important moment, the evangelist seems to dwell on apparently insignificant details: 1) the fact that many Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; 2) the chief priests, who turn to Pilate, to have the inscription changed; 3) Pilate refuses to change it.

Pontius Pilate, who was Roman, probably did not understand that, perhaps without meaning to, he had created a bit of embarrassment to the Jews who observed Jesus crucified with that inscription above his head. Henri Tisot, an expert in Hebrew, turned to several rabbis to ask, what was the exact Hebrew translation of the inscription compiled by Pilate? He talks about it in his book *Eva, the Woman on* pages 234-237. He discovered the grammar of the inscription in Hebrew. With Hebrew letters we get יֶשׁוּא הַנֹּצֵר וְמֶלֶךְ הַיְהוּדִים andRemember to read from right to left. These letters are equivalent to our "Yshu Hnotsri Wmlik Hyhudim" vocalized "Yeshua Hanotsri Wemelek Hayehudim". Thus, as for the Latin we get the acronym "INRI", *Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudeorum* Jesus the Nazarene King of the Jews but for the Hebrew we get acronym "יהוה", "YHWH".

This explains the attention that John reserves for the situation that takes place under the crucified Jesus. At that moment the Jews saw the man put to death, who had claimed to be the Son of God, with the name of God, the unpronounceable Tetragrammaton, engraved above his head. It could not be good that YHWH was written there, visible to all, and they tried to convince Pilate to change the engraving. Here the phrase of the Roman prosecutor "What I wrote, I wrote" acquires a much deeper meaning. Sounds amazing? Think that Jesus had prophesied exactly this moment. In John 8:28 we find written: "Then Jesus said: "When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that "I Am". By "lifting up" Jesus means the crucifixion. "I Am" alludes to the name that God revealed to Moses in Exodus 3:14: "God said to Moses, "I am who I am!" And he added: «So you will say to the Israelites: « I-Am has sent me to you » #489 St. Paul the Apostle pg 3



During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings at 7PM
There will also be an evening Mass on Wednesdays during Lent at 7:30PM



Save the Date - St Patrick/St Joseph Dance on Saturday, March 09th at 6:30pm – St Paul’s Parish will once again have our spring social in the gym. \$40pp will include a DJ, food, beer/wine, coffee/tea and cake. If interested in attending or helping please contact Rocco Vitulli: 347-219-2721 a/o Tom Smyth: 914-844-8533.

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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 the First Sunday in Lent. Tuesday we remember Saints Francisco & Jacinta Marto. Watch: *Finding Fatima, The 13th Day*, or for the children *The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima*. Listen to: *Our Lady of Fatima* or *Fatima for Today*. On the 22nd is the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle. Study: *Lectio: Peter* or watch: *Saint Peter, or Keys of the Kingdom: Understanding the Papacy*. Listen to: *Simon Called Peter*.

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Want to be part of saving lives? All it takes is your prayers and presence. 40 Days for Life is a life-saving prayer campaign that is taking place now through Mar. 24th. 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. Nearly 23,000 children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more, visit: www.40daysforlife.com

St. Paul's Prayer Group meets in person in the Cafeteria on Tuesdays, at 8:00 PM. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Pompeii Parish in Dobbs Ferry present – Concert - Music of J. S. Bach, Sunday, February 18th at 3:00pm, free admission

Easter Flower Offering - Please consider memorializing a loved one during this Easter season by donating \$20 for a pot of lilies, envelopes are available in the rear of the church.

Take a quick journey through salvation history with the Dominican Laity via Zoom beginning Wednesday, Feb. 21 st at 7:30pm for an 8-part Bible study featuring Jeff Cavins. Many people give up reading the Bible because it seems so complicated. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible gives the “big picture” of the Bible by showing how 14 narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam & Eve to Christ & the Church. The workbook costs \$24. 95 from ascensionpress.com For more info: Jennifer at castle348@gmail.com or text: (914) 438-4996 Meeting ID: 835-6954-0159 and Passcode: 874531

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.



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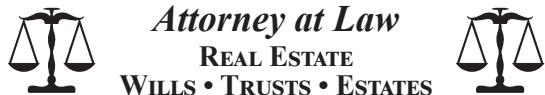
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