

# *St. Paul the Apostle Parish*



## **Lincoln Park**

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

**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		

### **Rectory**

602 McLean Ave., Yonkers, NY 10705  
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### **Religious Education Office**

Jackie Barton - Coordinator of Religious Education  
602 McLean 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	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

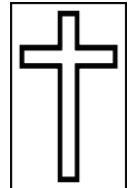
### **Pregnancy Hot Line**

Tel: 800-640-0767



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MARCH 17, 2024



# MASS Intentions

Intention:	Requested by:
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Mar. 16, 2024</u>
5:00 Frank Beirne	Mary
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mar. 17, 2024</u>
7:45 Peter Daly	Family
9:15 Oliver Kilgariff & Maria Doherty	Mary
10:45 Mark & John O'Shaughnessy and Mary & Michael Woods	Joan Hayes
12:15 Giuseppe & Isotta Imbrogno	S. Imbrogno
1:30 For the People of the Parish	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Mar. 18, 2024</u>
9:00 Jordan O'Neill (living)	John & Carol O'Neill
12:00 Irene Callahan	Eileen Slattery
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Mar. 19, 2024</u>
9:00 Alonzo & Mary Berry	John & Carol O'Neill
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Mar. 20, 2024</u>
9:00 Austin Hernandez	Rose Baldi
12:00 Fr. Conrad Osterhaut (living)	C. McCarthy
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Mar. 21, 2024</u>
9:00 Albert Barone (Bday memorial)	Family
12:00 Kathleen Henry	Laura Winterroth
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Mar. 22, 2024</u>
9:00 Monika Lelo (Dunz)	Family
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Mar. 23, 2024</u>
9:00 Wilhelmina Antonio	Teng family
12:00 Deceased of Reymondez Ramos Family	
5:00 Zita Lee & John Abraham (Bday memorial)	
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mar. 24, 2024</u>
7:45 Teresa McNicholas	Daly family
9:15 V.V. Joseph	
10:45 Legion of Mary Members (living)	
12:15 Rick Malvey	Evelyn Foley
2:30 For the People of the Parish	



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, Pattiann DelPescio, Waldina Pineda, John Ritter and Daryl Patrmonio.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Jeanne Cappello, Matt Ritter, Paul Berardino, Charles John, and those who mourn them.

#### LECTORS:

Mar. 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 D. Douglas	9:15 A. Canale
Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:45 K. Magee	10:45 K. Snyder

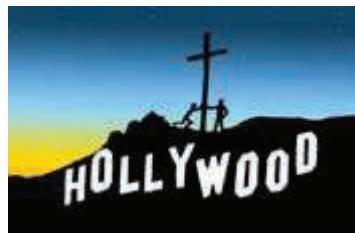
## Weekly Collection

#### STEWARSHIP: Week of March 10, 2024

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$4,058
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$1,048
Shrines	\$143
Online Giving	\$2,900
Total	\$8,149

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

# Hollywood and Christianity



Any observer of films/TV programs coming from Hollywood today can see that Christianity and particularly Catholicism is often presented in a negative light. Why is that? Don Feder sought to answer that question in an essay years ago for *Front Page Magazine*. He asserted that Hollywood hates authentic Christians because the Faith is diametrically opposed to the worldview of a good many of the producers, actors, and directors who control Hollywood. What is that Hollywood worldview?

1. **Sexual Liberation**-Hollywood glorifies pre-marital sex (fornication), adultery, homosexuality, abortion and anti-child attitudes. Sex means simply self-gratification. The notion of restraint, self-sacrifice, fidelity, and family are alien concepts to Hollywood. There was a series produced called *Californication*.
2. **This Life Is All There Is**- According to Hollywood's current values the here-and-now is all there is. It's referenced by St. Paul who styles the attitude: *Eat, drink, for tomorrow we die.* 1 Cor 15:32 The drug/alcohol/decadent lifestyles of many of Hollywood's "beautiful people" portray this. Christianity says that we are called to know, love, and serve God and be happy with Him in heaven. We are only pilgrims on this earth.
3. **The Worship of Self**- Many of the executives and decision-makers in Hollywood are "baby boomers" who grew up in the turbulent 60's. Sound morality and values were rejected in favor of continuous self-indulgence. Hence, there's popularity of all kinds of self-actualizations, the notion that the self is more important than anybody or anything: narcissism on steroids. Contrast this with the notion of losing one's self in order to find it for the sake of Christ. To the self-worshipper this is madness. The individual is his/her own salvation.
4. **Gender Identity** – This is the Hollywood drumbeat that men and women are identical, sexual roles are interchangeable, and that marriage and family life is simply what people decide it should be. This is a radical agenda to redefine family life in the Hollywood image. Gender ideology is the latest expression of this. The Judaeo-Christian notion that family means one man and one woman united for life for the procreation and rearing of children and for mutual support and companionship for life is revolutionary in Hollywood's eyes and is rejected.
5. **Militant Secularism** –This is the belief that religious expression should be confined to the inside of church buildings and should have no effect or role in shaping laws and institutions. This certainly was not the attitude of the Founding Fathers of our country. The notion that the First Amendment means stripping the country of the religious influence of believers especially Christians is an unhistorical and bigoted view promoted by Hollywood.

These factors make it important for Christians to unite and stand fast and reject the trash and nihilism emanating from Hollywood. *Nihilism (nothing-ism)* is the rejection of all religious and moral principles in the belief that life is meaningless. Check out this analysis from Thomas Hibbs, who wrote a book called *Shows About Nothing: Nihilism in Popular Culture*. The book is still available and here is an audio interview with the author on the subject: <https://youtube/Kt5BZ7PmODM> The Mel Gibson triumph of his film *The Passion of the Christ* shows that this attitude can be confronted and beaten, but only if we remain faithful to our values and not support movies and shows which trash our Faith, sound morality, and the natural order of creation. Here is an excerpt from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment which governs the use of media:

2496 *The means of social communication (especially the mass media) can give rise to a certain passivity among users, making them less than vigilant consumers of what is said or shown. Users should practice moderation and discipline in their approach to the mass media. They will want to form enlightened and correct consciences the more easily to resist unwholesome influences.*

2501 Created "in the image of God," man also expresses the truth of his relationship with God the Creator by the beauty of his artistic works. Indeed, art is a distinctively human form of expression; beyond the search for the necessities of life which is common to all living creatures, art is a freely given superabundance of the human being's inner riches. Arising from talent given by the Creator and from man's own effort, art is a form of practical wisdom, uniting knowledge and skill, to give form to the truth of reality in a language accessible to sight or hearing. To the extent that it is inspired by truth and love of beings, art bears a certain likeness to God's activity in what he has created. Like any other human activity, art is not an absolute end in itself, but is ordered to and ennobled by the ultimate end of man.

2502 Sacred art is true and beautiful when its form corresponds to its particular vocation: evoking and glorifying, in faith and adoration, the transcendent mystery of God - the surpassing invisible beauty of truth and love visible in Christ, who "reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature," in whom "the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily." This spiritual beauty of God is reflected in the most holy Virgin Mother of God, the angels, and saints. Genuine sacred art draws man to adoration, to prayer, and to the love of God, Creator and Savior, the Holy One and Sanctifier.

2503 For this reason bishops, personally or through delegates, should see to the promotion of sacred art, old and new, in all its forms and, with the same religious care, remove from the liturgy and from places of worship everything which is not in conformity with the truth of faith and the authentic beauty of sacred art.

Also to be recommended is Venerable Pius XII's essay called *The Ideal Film*. It can be read here:

[https://www.vatican.va/content/pius-xii/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/hf\\_p-xii\\_exh\\_25101955\\_ideal-film.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/pius-xii/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_p-xii_exh_25101955_ideal-film.html)



**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**

## 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent. It is also St. Patrick's Day. Watch: *In the Footsteps of St. Patrick; St. Patrick; or Pilgrimage to Peace.* Tuesday is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Watch: *Joseph of Nazareth; St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father, or The Story of the Nativity.* Listen to: *St. Joseph- Patron of the Universal Church or Pure Fatherhood.*



Reconciliation Monday is March 25<sup>th</sup>. Priests will be hearing confessions in every parish of the Archdiocese of NY. The times will be 2-4pm and 6-9pm.



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**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.**

Our Knights of Columbus council is having their 50/50 Charitable Raffle with \$7,500 in cash prizes. Please visit [kofc3995.org](http://kofc3995.org) for more information and how to purchase tickets to support their charitable efforts. The Knights will also be selling merchandise this weekend before and after all masses.

**St. Bartholomew's Parish** will conduct a Parish Lenten Mission on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The topic of this Mission will be "Victorious in Christ". Father Raphael Ezech, MSP will conduct the Mission. Father Raphael is a Missionary priest with a Doctorate in Media Psychology from Fielding University in California and a Masters Degree in Counseling from Loyola University in New Orleans. It is sure to be an enlightening two days.

**Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers** will meet on Thurs, Mar 21st, St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, at 12:30pm. Return visit from our speaker to give more lessons / info about the working of smart and flip phones. Info: 914.423.5331. New members are always welcome.



**the CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

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The 2024 Cardinal's Appeal is in progress. Our parish goal is \$50,000. 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 \$17,115 or 34% of goal.

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