

St. Paul the Apostle Parish



Lincoln Park

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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
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

Pregnancy Hot Line

Tel: 800-640-0767



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 16, 2025



<u>Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Feb. 15, 2025</u>
5:00 Deceased of the O'Neill & Berry families	
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Feb. 16, 2025</u>
7:45 Mary Gilligan	Sally Manganiello
9:15 For the People of the Parish	
10:45 Terence Reynolds	Family
12:15 Special Intention	
1:30 Julia Winterroth	Laura Winterroth
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Feb. 17, 2025</u>
9:00 Pjerin, Lezina & Arisa (living)	Drita
12:00 Jim Courtney	Margaret Courtney
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Feb. 18, 2025</u>
9:00 Evelyn Daly (1 st Anniversary)	Family
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Feb. 19, 2025</u>
9:00 Maria Soledad Susvilla (Bday-living)	
12:00 James Scott	Kathy Scott
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Feb. 20, 2025</u>
9:00 Terence Reynolds	Moriarty/Geraghty fmly
12:00 Magella Finnegan (living)	
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Feb. 21, 2025</u>
9:00 Damian Slattery (living)	Slattery family
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Feb. 22, 2025</u>
9:00 Mary Gilligan	Della Flynn
12:00 Catherine O'Rourke (1 st Anniversary)	
5:00 Omar Bonilla, Sr.	Kathleen Jacob
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Feb. 23, 2025</u>
7:45 Bernard Beck	Franchi family
9:15 St. Paul the Apostle Purgatorial Society	
10:45 For the People of the Parish	
12:15 George J. Abraham	Abraham family
2:30 Scott & McKieran families	Kathy Scott

The sick of *Our Parish* need your prayers.

Michael Curtin, Richard Lyons, Grace Lyons, Ayanah Audrey Naron, Denyse Guariglia, Irene DiGenno, Rene Laino, Barbara Dallow, Deirdra Fallon, Cresvic Flores, Pattiann DelPescio, Waldina Pineda, John Ritter, Isiah Digsby, Joseph Molack, Daryl Patrimonio, Antone Flores, Victor Fierro, Timothy O'Connor, Valentina Rakaj, Maureen Pastor, Pete Coppa, Rosemary Libre, Steven Guzzardi, Daryl Patrimonio, Joseph Reagan, and Joan Hayes.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week, especially, Terence Reynolds, Patricia Flynn, Mary Gilligan, Thomas Rogers, Carolina Ferrara, John Hand, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Feb. 15 th	5:00 D. Douglas	
Feb. 16 th	7:45 S. Abraham	9:15 J. Barton
	10:45 K. Snyder	12:15 V. Rahiman

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STEWARDSHIP: Week of February 9, 2025

1 st Collection	\$2,997
2 nd Collection	\$663
Shrines	\$127
On-line Giving	\$2,400
Total	\$6,187

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Apparitions True and False



Public Revelation and Private Revelation

The Church teaches a distinction between public and private revelation. Public revelation is defined as follows: God, in His infinite goodness and wisdom, chose to reveal Himself to mankind; in accord with God's divine plan of salvation, Jesus Christ— true God who became also true man, the Word of God incarnate— perfectly and fully revealed the Father to us in union with the Holy Spirit. St. Paul in the *Letter to the Hebrews* (1:3), taught exactly this definition: "In times past, God spoke in fragmentary and varied ways to our fathers through the prophets; in this, the final age, He has spoken through His Son, through whom He first created the universe. This Son is the reflection of the Father's glory, the exact representation of the Father's being, and He sustains all things by His powerful word.

"No new public revelation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord, Jesus Christ." This revelation God has given to all people for all ages is preserved in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Sacred Scripture— or the Bible— is God's word recorded in writing by human authors inspired by the Holy Spirit; no book or verse will be added to or deleted from the Bible. Sacred Tradition is the handing over of the Word of God, which Jesus entrusted to the apostles and their successors, guided and enlightened by the Holy Spirit. An example of Sacred Tradition is the Nicene Creed, the Creed we profess at Mass. Together, Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition form one deposit of revelation, for both of them, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one reality and move towards the same goal the salvation of souls, seeing God face to face in Heaven.

In these definitions, an important point is emphasized: While the deposit of revelation is complete, "it has not been made completely explicit; it remains for Christian faith gradually to grasp its significance over the course of the centuries" (*Catechism*, #66; also confer #74-83). Herein lies the role of the teaching authority of the Church, as the authentic guardian, interpreter, and teacher of revelation which is guided and protected from error by the Holy Spirit. All faithful Catholics are bound to accept these revealed

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truths with a divine faith. Divine Faith means believing God Who has revealed these truths, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. To deny these revealed truths would be considered heresy (false teaching); such as denying the mystery of the Incarnation of our Lord, the Real Presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, or the existence of Hell.

Private revelations occur

God may, and sometimes does, grant revelations to private individuals. But the Church never imposes on Catholics the obligation of believing anyone's private revelations, even those of the great saints. The Church gives her approval to private revelations only when she is satisfied after rigorous examination of their spiritual utility and of the evidence on which they depend.

The Catechism

The Catechism of the Catholic Church at #67 says: "Throughout the ages, there have been so-called 'private' revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith.

It is not their role to 'improve' or 'complete' Christ's definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history. ... Christian faith cannot accept 'revelations' that claim to surpass or correct the Revelation of which Christ is the fulfillment, as is the case in certain non-Christian religions and also in certain recent sects which base themselves on such 'revelations.'"

The power of the devil

Very few people are aware of the devil's full powers, and his ability to deceive. It is knowledge of diabolical trickery which makes the Church cautious in the area of private revelation. The devil has superhuman intelligence and is very clever, and to pretend that you can definitively judge in favor of something's authenticity, without help, is presumptuous. To know if something is false, it suffices to know that it says something contrary to the teaching of the Church. Hence, it is easier to pronounce against visionaries than in their favor. But the mere absence of doctrinal error is not enough. There have to be other *positive* indicators.

Signs of God

"The following characteristics are general signs of the divine spirit:

1. *Truth*. God is truth and cannot inspire anything but truth in a soul. If a person believed to be inspired by God, therefore, maintains opinions that are manifestly against revealed truth, the infallible teaching of the Church, or proven theology or philosophy or science, it must be concluded that the individual is deluded by the devil or is the victim of excessive imagination or faulty reasoning.
2. *Gravity*. God is never the cause of things that are useless, futile, frivolous, or impertinent. When his spirit moves a soul it is always for something serious and beneficial.
3. *Enlightenment*. Although one may not always understand the meaning of an inspiration from God, the effect of any divine movement or impulse is always enlightenment and certitude rather than darkness and confusion. This is true both for the effects on the individual who receives the inspiration and its effects on others.
4. *Docility*. Souls that are moved by the spirit of God accept cheerfully the advice and counsel of their directors or others who have authority over them. This spirit of obedience, docility, and submission is one of the clearest signs that a particular inspiration or movement is from God. This is especially true in the case of the educated, who have a greater tendency to be attached to their own opinions.
5. *Discretion*. The spirit of God makes the soul discreet, prudent, and thoughtful in all its actions. There is nothing of precipitation, lightness, exaggeration, or impetuosity; all is well balanced, edifying, serious, and full of calmness and peace.
6. *Humility*. The Holy Spirit always fills the soul with sentiments of humility and self-effacement. The loftier the communications from on high, the more profoundly the soul inclines to the abyss of its own nothingness. Mary said, 'I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say' (Lk 1:38).
7. *Peace*. St. Paul speaks frequently of the peace that comes from God (Rom 15:33, Phil 4:9), and Jesus mentions peace as one of the manifestations of his spirit (Jn 14:27). This is a quality that always accompanies communications from God; the soul experiences a profound and stable serenity in the depths of its spirit." (pp. 402-3)

Fr Jordan Aumann O.P. mentions other signs also: *Confidence in God, Flexibility of will, Purity of intention, Patience in suffering, Self-abnegation, Simplicity, Liberty of spirit.*

Signs of the diabolical spirit

"...[S]ince the devil may disguise himself as a good spirit and even cause what appears to be authentic mystical phenomena, it is helpful to mention briefly the various signs of the diabolical spirit.

1. *Spirit of falsity*. The devil is the father of lies, but he cleverly conceals his deceit by half-truths and pseudo-mystical phenomena.
2. *Morbid curiosity*. This is characteristic of those who eagerly seek out the esoteric aspects of mystical phenomena or have a fascination for the occult or preternatural.
3. *Confusion, anxiety, and deep depression*.
4. *Obstinacy*, one of the surest signs of a diabolical spirit.
5. *Constant indiscretion and a restless spirit*. Those who constantly go to extremes, as in penitential exercises or apostolic activity, or neglect their primary obligations to do some personally chosen work.
6. *Spirit of pride and vanity*. Very anxious to publicize their gifts of grace and mystical experiences.
7. *False humility*. This is the disguise for their pride and disordered self-love.
8. *Despair, lack of confidence, and discouragement*. A chronic characteristic that alternates with *presumption, vain security, and unfounded optimism*." (p. 412)

Fr Aumann mentions other signs also: *Impatience in suffering and stubborn resentment; Uncontrolled passions and strong inclination to sensuality, usually under the guise of mystical union; Hypocrisy, simulation, and duplicity; Excessive attachment to sensible consolations, particularly in their practice of prayer; Lack of deep devotion to Jesus and Mary;*



St Patrick/St Joseph Dance on Saturday, March 08th at 6:30pm— St Paul's Parish will once again have our spring social in the gym. Tickets are \$40 per person. 50/50, Raffles, DJ, Buffet Dinner, Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee and Tea. We encourage you to bring your favorite dessert to share at our dessert table. Reservations required by 2/21/2025 – tickets will not be sold at the door. Please submit payment to the rectory or fill out the card found at the back of the church, enclose payment in the envelope provided and drop in the collection basket at Mass. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to:
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Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will meet on Thurs, Feb 20th, 12:30pm, St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall. Info: 914.423.5331. New members are always welcome.

The Legion of Mary invites you to the Saturday Afternoon Matinee Series showing of *Little Boy: Believe the Impossible*, Sat., Feb. 22nd at 1pm in St. Paul's school.



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Weekly Friday Adoration: Our Lord will be exposed on the altar for an hour every Friday morning from 9:30 to 10:30am. The hour will begin with a recitation of the Rosary followed by silent prayer.

The Society of the Patricians invites you to share your thoughts on the following topic: Saint Joseph didn't speak in the Gospels, but does he speak to us? Please join us on Thurs., Feb. 20th at 7pm in the school cafeteria.

Healing After Abortion: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area are: In English: March 15 & May 31, 2025. In Spanish: May 17, 2025. For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary invite you to a Lenten morning of prayer, "Jesus Encounters with Insiders and Outsiders" on Saturday, March 8th, 9am to 12 at 84 Presentation Way, New Windsor. During the morning Sister Virginia Wilkinson will facilitate a look at the Gospel account of Jesus with those who "belonged" and those who didn't in the first century Palestine. The morning will include input, quiet reflection, small group sharing and prayer. This is event is free of charge and all are welcome. Please RSVP to Diana at DAccardi@sistersofthepresentation.org or 845-564-0513.

The Carmelite Communion, a religious order of Catholic nuns is looking for an aide to care for 6 Sisters. The duties include light shopping, doctor visits and other errands. The position is for an Independent Contractor paying \$20-\$25/hour. Experience is not needed. Looking for an individual with a clean drivers license, who is a good listener and has patience. The hours are flexible except the occasional need to escort some to doctors visits. If interested please call Holly at 845-629-2720. Or send email to hgorza@gmail.com.



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