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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



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 2025



<u>Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Mar. 8, 2025</u>
5:00 John & Josephine Ward	children
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mar. 9, 2025</u>
7:45 Patrick Fitzpatrick	Christopher Fitzpatrick
9:15 Frank Yozzo	Family
10:45 Patrick Donnelly	Family
12:15 Rick Malvey	Evelyn Foley
1:30 For the People of the Parish	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Mar. 10, 2025</u>
9:00 The Cipriano Family (living)	
12:00 Germana Fraih (living-for healing)	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Mar. 11, 2025</u>
9:00 Mary Flavin (living)	Mary
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Mar. 12, 2025</u>
9:00 Zita & Peter Lee	Sharon Abraham
12:00 Joan Murphy (living)	
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Mar. 13, 2025</u>
9:00 Hagan Family	Rosanne Snyder
12:00 For the People of the Parish	
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Mar. 14, 2025</u>
9:00 Michael Shaw (living –intentions)	
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Mar. 15, 2025</u>
9:00 Mary Hickey (living-for healing)	Josephine
12:00 C. & C. – Special Intention	
5:00 Tom & Mary Harte	Desmond Douglas
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Mar. 16, 2025</u>
7:45 The Leahy Family	Kieran & Brid O’Sullivan
9:15 Joseph Tierney (living)	Eileen Slattery
10:45 St. Paul the Apostle Purgatorial Society	
12:15 Giuseppe & Isotta Imbrogno	Family
1:30 For the People of the Parish	

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, Antone Flores, Victor Fierro, Timothy O’Connor, Valentina Rakaj, Maureen Pastor, Pete Coppa, Rosemary Libre, Steven Guzzardi, Joseph Reagan, Joan Hayes, and Pope Francis.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week, especially, Carolina Ferrara, John Hand, Daryl Patrimonio, Lorraine Catherall, Nora Nugent, Paul Antonicelli, Elizabeth Bulzacchelli, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Mar. 8 th	5:00 D.Estrosas	
Mar. 9 th	7:45 S. Abraham	9:15 A. Canale
	10:45 A. Urgola	12:15 V. Rahiman

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STEWARDSHIP: Week of March 2, 2025

1 st Collection	\$4,610
2 nd Collection	\$1,552
Shrines	\$220
On-line Giving	\$2,000
Total	\$8,382

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The Suffering-Church



Those who suffer the same things from the same people for the same Person can scarcely not love each other.

— C.S. Lewis

Mark 10: 28 Peter began to say to him, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you." **29** Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, **30** who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, **with persecutions**, and in the age to come eternal life. **31** But many that are first will be last, and the last first." The numbers in the illustration below stand for countries.



The country of Myanmar (formerly Burma), hostile to Christianity, has been taken over by a military regime. On February 14, Fr. Donald Martin Ye Naing Win, 44, a priest of the Archdiocese of Mandalay, encountered a group of drunk, drug-influenced, militia-men, who ordered him to kneel down for them. He remarked calmly: "I kneel only before God." They proceeded to stab him to death Here are the world's 10 most dangerous places to be a Christian—the nations where saying "yes" to Jesus is also saying "yes" to a life of risk and a dependence on the hope of Christ.

- 1. North Korea ... where owning a Bible can get you killed** Meeting for worship or owning a Bible is a serious crime in North Korea and will be severely punished. In May 2023, five members of a family were arrested as they gathered for prayer and Bible study. The deplorable treatment of believers is driven by the authoritarian regime's view that Christians are a particular threat to the country's leadership and society. *Pray that secret believers will be protected from the scrutiny of the authorities as they meet together.*
- 2. Somalia ... where following Jesus makes you the enemy** In the Muslim-majority nation—one of the eight countries making up the Horn of Africa—all Somalis are expected to be Muslim and follow Sharia (Islamic) law. Imams in mosques and madrassas state publicly that there is no room for Christianity, Christians or churches. The violent insurgent group al-Shabab has repeatedly expressed its desire to eradicate Christians from the East African country. Leaving Islam is regarded as a betrayal of the family and clan, and family members and clan leaders will harass, intimidate and even kill Somali converts. *Pray that believers who risk everything to follow Jesus will have strength to persevere in their faith despite the dangers.*
- 3. Libya ... where evangelism is a death sentence** In this North African nation, authorities assert that Libya is a wholly Islamic nation. Sharia law governs how the nation is run and how problems are resolved. This means, in society's eyes, there can be no Christians in Libya—and that's what the authorities in charge want the public to believe. Bottom line: Every Christian in Libya is in constant danger of losing their life. *Pray that God would help His people find fellowship with one another. Ask God to give the Libyan church the ability to meet.*

4. Eritrea ... where imprisonment for following Jesus is inevitable

Believers in Eritrea in the Horn of Africa continue to suffer extreme persecution, making it one of the hardest places in the world to follow Jesus. For 20 years, the East African nation has only recognized three official Christian denominations: Orthodox, Catholic and Lutheran, and even those churches are closely monitored. *Pray that they will be courageous in sharing the gospel, but also mindful of their precarious situation.*

5. Yemen ... where Christians are on extremists' "wanted" lists

Following Jesus in Yemen continues to be extremely dangerous. Most believers are Yemeni and come from Muslim backgrounds. As conversion from Islam is forbidden by Islamic and state law, Christians risk severe repercussions from their families, the authorities or radical Islamic groups. Yemeni Christians face targeted persecution from government, family and community, and as the influence of more extreme and violent Islamic groups grows, following Jesus becomes even more difficult. *Pray for strength and protection for believers living in areas where they are at risk from Islamic militant groups. Pray for courage to share their faith, and that the underground church will grow.*

6. Nigeria ... where a Christian dies nearly every two hours, on average.

In Africa's most populous country, more believers are killed for their faith each year than everywhere else in the world combined. Violence remains the most dangerous and prevalent threat. Christians in Nigeria, particularly in the Muslim-majority north, continue to live under immense pressure from Islamic militants and armed "bandits." Despite these challenges, the church in Nigeria is a resilient church. They understand what it means to rely on their Savior for every breath. And they are asking the worldwide Church to pray with them. *Pray for an end to the violence inflicted by bandits and militant groups across Nigeria.*

7. Pakistan ... where every Christian is a second-class citizen

Christians in Pakistan are considered second-class citizens and face discrimination in every aspect of life. Occupations that are deemed low, dirty and degrading—such as working as a sewer cleaner or in a brick kiln—are reserved for Christians. The August 2023 devastating mob violence against the Christian community in the city of Jaranwala was a sobering reminder of the hostile environment facing many believers in Pakistan.

Pray that Pakistan's blasphemy laws will be changed so that Christians will be safe from false accusations and pray for strength for Christians who must live as second-class citizens every day.

8. Sudan ... where Christians are caught in the crossfire.

Much has changed this year in Sudan—and it's not positive. "Christians in Sudan are especially vulnerable and on the receiving end in war times." All of this comes alongside the oppression experienced by those who have chosen to leave Islam for Christianity. *Pray for an end to the violence in Sudan and for provision for Christians who have been displaced.*

9. Iran ... where being a Christian is a "crime against national security."

For Iranian Christians who convert from Islam, not even the veneer of tolerance is present. Conversion from Islam to Christianity is illegal in Iran, and anyone caught as a convert can be arrested and imprisoned. Christian converts who leave Islam can also face pressure from their families and communities. Converts can lose their inheritance, unmarried Christians can be forced into marriage to a Muslim, and married believers may be forced to divorce or face imprisonment.

Pray for secret converts from Islam in Iran. Pray they would find fellowship and that God would protect them from arrest and

10. Afghanistan ... where there "are no Christians."

When the Taliban came to power over Afghanistan in August 2021, they did so with pledges to recognize more freedoms than in the past. But that hasn't happened—if an Afghan's Christian faith is discovered, it can be a death sentence, or they can be detained and tortured into giving information about fellow believers. As far as the Taliban are concerned, there are "no Christians" in Afghanistan. *Pray for the protection of secret believers and know they're part of a worldwide Church that hears their story and prays for them each day.*

More in next week's Bulletin on the Church in China and the disastrous policy of the Holy See with respect to the Church in communist China along with the legacy of model bishops and hero churchmen who opposed the communist regimes in the past. **The Men of the Holy League** gather the second Tuesday of the month for a Holy Hour at 7PM to pray for the suffering, persecuted Church.



STATIONS of the CROSS

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed
Friday evenings at 7PM



During the 40 Days for Life , we stand in peaceful, prayerful witness at abortion facilities. Through thousands of campaigns happening around the world, we stand in solidarity with the most vulnerable and beg the Lord to pour out graces of conversion and healing. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign, visit www.40daysforlife.com.

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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 1st Sunday in Lent. Read: *Meditations for Lent* or Listen to: *Freedom Through Forgiveness, The Healing Power of Confession, Keep Holy the Sabbath, My Beloved Son, Beyond Belief, Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin, The Lamb's Supper, Jesus the Bridegroom, or Love-Sacrifice-Trust.*



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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.

Advocates for Life will be speaking at all the masses on 3/15 & 3/16 concerning signing a petition against the Legislation Medical Aid in Dying.

The Serra Club of the Bronx and Westchester will be hosting a Lenten Day of Recollection, Friday, March 14th, 9:30am to 2:30pm at St. Joseph's Seminary, with Rev. Fr. Robert A. Quarato. Cost is \$40pp. For more info. and to register contact Carl Lanzano at (718) 325-6706.

Called & Gifted for Life Formation Day - Saturday, March 29th, 9am-4pm -St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers. God has called and gifted you for mission. Come, discover your charisms and let the Holy Spirit's gifts be activated in your life! This Formation Day will introduce you to the charisms and empower you to discover and activate your God-given gifts on behalf of life. As you learn about and identify your gifts, you will have the opportunity to connect them with activities, people, and organizations involved in building a culture of life. Sponsored by the Respect Life Office, the Sisters of Life, and the Catherine of Siena Institute. Register: www.bit.ly/nycalledgifted

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 Matthew Wallace Foundation presents Around the World in 80 Days Pocketbook Bingo –Sat., April 5th, 7pm-10pm, at Mount St. Michael Academy. Tickets are \$55pp. Contact Sandy at 914-619-6862 for tickets or more information.



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