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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 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



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



MASS Intentions

Saturday Sept. 6, 2025

5:00 Sr. Celia Harrington St. Paul's Prayer Group

Sunday Sept. 7, 2025

7:45 Rolando Aileen & Philip O'Donnell

9:15 John Henighan Family

10:45 Kenneth Zaepfel St. Paul's Rel Ed

12:15 Members of The Legion of Mary (living)

1:30 For the People of the Parish

Monday Sept. 8, 2025

9:00 Ronald Jacob Kathleen Jacob

12:00 Dennis Macom & Mary Toehner Rose

Tuesday Sept. 9, 2025

9:00 For Holy Souls Jacob family

Wednesday Sept. 10, 2025

9:00 Frankie Daly Family

12:00 Joseph & Marie Henry Laura Winterroth

Thursday Sept. 11, 2025

9:00 Margaret Crudden Balestra family

12:00 Frank Caputo

Friday Sept. 12, 2025

9:00 John O'Connor Mary Brennan/Charles Shields

Saturday Sept. 13, 2025

9:00 In Thanksgiving Maureen O'Connor

12:00 Reymondez Ramos family (living)

5:00 Cornelius Sheridan Jane Fay

Sunday Sept. 14, 2025

7:45 Michael & Margaret Brick O'Sullivan family

9:15 Sr. Elizabeth Ann (living)

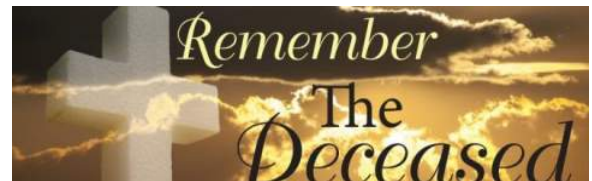
10:45 Josie & Redmond Cody Mary Beirne

12:15 Ann Mahoney Condon family

1:30 For the People of the Parish



Michael Curtin, Richard Lyons, Grace Lyons, Ayanah Audrey Naron, Denyse Guariglia, 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, Leny Sunaz, Bridig Robinson, Kathleen Kerrigan, Carol Saxe, Maria Toppi, Eleanor Coloso, Sonny Tiongson, and Eileen Coughlin.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week, especially, Daniel Curtin, Robert Fedo, Sarah Haack, John Whelan, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Sept. 6th 5:00 D. Estrosas

Sept. 7th 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 A. Canale

10:45 A. Urgola 12:15 F. Brady

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STEWARDSHIP: Week of August 31, 2025

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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!



The Highest Degree of Fortitude is the Martyr.



These nineteen martyrs of Algeria, so dear to Pope Leo

...Very few people know that May 8, the day of Pope Leo's election, was the day of the liturgical memory of these martyrs and that it was in Numidia, present-day Algeria, that (St) Augustine was born and lived, and Leo defined himself as his "son."... The martyrs of Algeria whose memory is celebrated are the nineteen people depicted on the icon reproduced above, painted by Sister Odile, a nun of the Little Sisters of Nazareth, all massacred between 1994 and 1996, at the height of the "black decade" of the civil war which left 150,000 dead in Algeria. Among them was a bishop, Pierre-Lucien Claverie, a Pied-Noir Dominican, that is to say, a Frenchman born in Algeria, from the diocese of Oran, shot dead on August 1, 1996 in the company of his Muslim friend and driver Mohamed Bouchikhi, also represented on the icon, the only one without a halo. Among these nineteen martyrs, the most famous are the seven Trappist monks of the Tibhirine monastery, in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, kidnapped with their prior Christian de Chergé on the night of March 26, 1996, and declared dead on May 21 when their decapitated heads were found near Médéa. Their story was recounted in the film "Of Gods and Men," directed by Xavier Beauvois, which won an award at the Cannes Film Festival in 2010 ...

But memory and veneration are also addressed to the four "White Fathers" - these missionaries of Africa founded in the 19th century by the bishop and cardinal of Algiers Charles Lavigerie - killed in Tizi Ouzou; to the two sisters dressed in white, missionaries of Our Lady of the Apostles; to the two Augustinian missionary sisters killed in the company of a Little Sister of Charles de Foucauld; and finally to the Marist brother, guardian of a library and to the nun of the Little Sisters of the Assumption shot dead with him, represented kneeling on the icon... But all their stories share common features that are important to highlight because they touch on the vital question of the presence of Christians in society. Flourishing in the early centuries, the Christian presence in present-day Algeria declined after the Muslim conquest and virtually disappeared from the 17th century onwards. In the 19th century, the return of their presence was linked to French colonial rule, but already at that time with a different vision, embodied by Charles de Foucauld and his hermitage among the Tuareg Muslims, in Tamanrasset, in the middle of the Sahara Desert.

After the Algerian War of Independence, which ended in 1962, this "colonial bubble" burst, and almost all the pieds-noirs fled to France. The Christians who remained there, all foreigners, formed a small and fragile community that considered themselves "guests" of the Algerian people, who were Muslim in their entirety. But they also wanted to share their lives and works with the population, in a dialogue concerning, in particular, each person's faith. With different accents. While on the one hand, the prior of Tibhirine, Christian de Chergé, sought unity despite the differences between Christianity and Islam, through a common invocation of the same God, on his side, Bishop Claverie insisted rather on the specificity of the Christian faith: "There can be no encounter, no dialogue, no friendship except on the basis of a recognized, accepted difference. Loving the other in his difference is the only possibility of loving him."

But Christians were severely tested by the civil war that raged in Algeria in 1990, between the ruling post-colonial secular elite and the radical Muslims of the Islamic Salvation Front, victorious in the elections but prevented from governing. In 1993, the extremist wing of the rebels, the Armed Islamic Group, issued an ultimatum to all "foreigners," a word they also used to mean Christians. They were given one month to leave Algeria or face death. And no sooner had the ultimatum expired than

the series of assassinations began. What to do? Leave or stay? For Christians, their lives are at stake. The Bishop of Algiers, Henri Teissier, questions each religious figure, one by one. But their response is to stay. And the martyrdom of the nineteen is the fruit of this choice. Two responses, in particular, have gone down in history: that of a monk and that of a bishop. The monk in question was the prior of Tibhirine, Christian de Chergé. The spiritual testament he wrote during the days of the ultimatum has been preserved ... Here's how it begins:

"If one day - and it could be today - I were to become a victim of the terrorism that now seems to want to engulf all foreigners living in Algeria, I would like my community, my Church, my family, to remember that my life was given to God and to this country. Let them accept that the One Master of all life could not be a stranger to this brutal departure. Let them pray for me: how could I be found worthy of such an offering? Let them know how to associate this death with so many others just as violent, left in the indifference of anonymity. My life is no more valuable than any other. Nor is it any less valuable. In any case, it does not have the innocence of childhood. I have lived long enough to know that I am an accomplice in evil that seems, alas, to prevail in the world and even in that which would strike me blindly. I would like, when the time comes, to have that moment of lucidity which would allow me to ask for forgiveness from God and from my brothers in humanity, at the same time as forgiving wholeheartedly anyone who has harmed me. And here are the last lines of the conclusion, which are addressed in particular to his murderer: "This lost life, totally mine and totally theirs, I give thanks to God who seems to have wanted it entirely for this joy, against and in spite of everything.

The other touching answer to the question "to leave or to stay?" is that of the Bishop of Oran, Pierre-Lucien Claverie, in the homily he gave in Prouilhe, the founding place of the Dominican Order, on June 23, 1996, five weeks before he was killed. Here is the full text: "Since the beginning of the Algerian drama, I have often been asked: 'What are you doing there? Why are you staying? Shake the dust off your sandals! Go home!' At home... Where are we at home? We are there because of this crucified Messiah. Because of nothing else and no one else! We have no interest in saving, no influence to maintain. We are not driven by some masochistic or suicidal perversion. We have no power, but we are there as if at the bedside of a friend, a sick brother, in silence, holding their hand, mopping their brow. Because of Jesus, because it is he who suffers there, in this violence that spares no one, crucified anew in the flesh of thousands of innocents. Like Mary his mother, like Saint John, we are there, at the foot of the Cross where Jesus dies, abandoned by his own, mocked by the crowd. Is it not essential for a Christian to be there, in places of suffering, in places of dereliction, of abandonment?

Where would the Church of Jesus, itself the Body of Christ, be if it were not there first? I believe it is dying from not being close enough to the Cross of Jesus. However paradoxical it may seem to you, and Saint Paul shows this well, the strength, the vitality, the hope, the Christian fruitfulness, the fruitfulness of the Church come from there. Not from elsewhere or otherwise. Everything, everything else is just smoke and mirrors, a worldly illusion. The Church is mistaken, and it deceives the world when it positions itself as a power among others, as an organization, even a humanitarian one, or as a spectacular evangelical movement. It may shine, but it does not burn with the fire of God's love, as strong as death, says the Song of Songs. For it is indeed about love here, love first and foremost, and love alone. A passion for which Jesus gave us a taste and traced the path: There is no greater love than to give one's life for that one love. To give one's life. This is not reserved for martyrs, or at least, perhaps we are all called to become martyrs, witnesses to the free gift of love, the free gift of one's life.

This gift comes to us from the grace of God given in Jesus Christ. And how can we translate this gift, how can we translate this grace? Giving one's life is this and nothing else! In every decision, in every act, concretely give something of oneself: one's time, one's smile, one's friendship, one's know-how, one's presence, even silent, even powerless removing one's attention, one's material, moral and spiritual support, one's outstretched hand, without calculation, without reserve, without fear of losing oneself. Today, the Italian Davide Carraro of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions heads the diocese of Oran, which has 1,600 faithful of various nationalities out of more than 10 million Algerian inhabitants. While in the monastery of Tibhirine—whose five current monks have moved to Morocco, in Midelt, also in the Atlas Mountains—it is today a community of the Chemin Neuf, which keeps the memory of the martyrs alive for visitors. (Text by Sandro Magister, edited. <https://www.diakonos.be/ces-dix-neuf-martyrs-dalgerie-si-chers-au-pape-leon/>



PICNIC TIME!

Save the Date for our Parish Picnic – Sept. 21st following the

12:15mass. Reservations

required, suggested donation \$10. LAST CALL!!!

RSVP to Jackie at 914-965-9333 or use the RSVP

card in back of Church and drop in collection

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For more information, please contact Kathy Scott 347-835- 9259, Rose Baldi (914) 844-7743 or attend a meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30pm in St. Paul's School.

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.

Public Hearing Notice to allow Empire City a full 24 hour Casino License with a 5000 seat arena. Mark Twain – Yonkers Montessori Academy Auditorium, Yonkers 10704 - Tuesday September 16th – 6:00 PM Please sign in to say a few words upon arriving at the School, your comments on traffic, noise, crime and congestion will be important! Please attend and bring a friend, and by all means plan to say a few words!

FORMED

Bible Study and More! Go to stpaulnyonkers.formed.org and register which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Monday is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Friday the Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Mary. Study: The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Lesson 9: *Full of Grace*. Watch: *Mary of Nazareth, What is the Immaculate Conception?*, or *Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary?* Listen also to: *The Virgin Mary Revealed through Scripture* or *The Eternal Women*

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Registration for Religious Education is open. You can register through our website or pick up forms in back of Church. Forms can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed. There will be in-person registration after all Masses this weekend.

Prayer for Life Formation Day - Saturday, Sept. 27th, 8:30am – 3:00pm, St. Augustine Church – Kenny Hall (18 Cherry Ave, Larchmont, NY 10538) Your prayer and intercession are needed to build a culture of life! Through prayer, we listen to the Holy Spirit and open ourselves to receive a fresh outpouring of His life and love. This Prayer for Life Formation Day will include formation on intercessory prayer, Eucharistic prayer, and the spirituality of prayer and witness on behalf of life. Guest speakers include the Sisters of Life and Mary Martin. Mass will begin at 8:30am, and lunch will be provided. Register at: prayerforlifeformationday.org

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers Annual Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, Sept 21st. Mass at 10:00am, Immaculate Conception Church, Tuckahoe, followed by brunch at San Martino's Ristorante, 12 Young Ave, Yonkers. Cash \$36 per person payable at the brunch. Members and guests welcome. Reservations required. More information and reservations, call 914-423-5331.

The Matthew Wallace Foundation hosts Matt's Grab-n-Go with essential items. Wednesday, Sept. 10th, 11am at Kerry Hall, 305 McLean Avenue.

Healing After Abortion: Upcoming date Sept 20th - 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. 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 reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.



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