

St. Paul the Apostle Parish



Lincoln Park

Fr. Leonard F. Villa, Pastor

Fr. George Valliamthadathil, M.S.F.S.

Fr. Michael J. Morrow

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 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

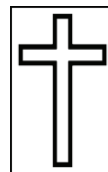
Pregnancy Hot Line

Tel: 800-640-0767



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



MASS Intentions

Saturday Sept. 13, 2025

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

Monday Sept. 15, 2025

9:00 Mary Lou Yemc Balestrera family

12:00 Ivana Niemczykova & Brian Thompson

Tuesday Sept. 16, 2025

9:00 Eileen Mescall (Anniversary) Patricia Mescall

Wednesday Sept. 17, 2025

9:00 Irene Barton Rose Baldi

12:00 Mijares Family (living)

Thursday Sept. 18, 2025

9:00 Francisco Cruz Donna & Anella Conticello

12:00 Camila & Valeria Mijares (living)

Friday Sept. 19, 2025

9:00 Russell Amoruso (1st Anniversary) Family

Saturday Sept. 20, 2025

9:00 Jessica Curvin (living)

12:00 Laura F. Winterroth Laura Winterroth

5:00 Robert R. Papp Jane Fay

Sunday Sept. 21, 2025

7:45 For the People of the Parish

9:15 Kara Noble (living) St. Paul's Rel Ed

10:45 Nadia Tarapasade & family (living)

12:15 Pietro Cacchiani M/M Sestino Imbrogno

1:30 St. Paul the Apostle Purgatorial Society



Michael Curtin, Richard Lyons, Grace Lyons, Ayanah Audrey Naron, Cresvic Flores, 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, Camielle Moynihan, Deacon Rudy, and Eileen Coughlin.



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

LECTORS:

Sept. 13th 5:00 D. Douglas

Sept. 14th 7:45 S. Abraham

10:45 K. Snyder

9:15 J. Barton

12:15 V. Rahiman

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STEWARDSHIP: Week of September 7, 2025

1st Collection \$4,832

2nd Collection \$1,055

Shrines \$211

On line giving \$1,800

Total Collection \$7,898

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The Therapy Culture & the Danger of Psychobabble

Frank Furedi wrote a book called *The Therapy Culture*. He argues that in recent decades virtually every sphere of life has become subject to a new emotional culture. Increasing vulnerability is presented as the defining feature of people's psychology. Terms like people 'at risk', 'scarred for life' or 'emotional damage' evoke a unique sense of powerlessness. Through framing the problem of everyday life through the prism of emotions, therapeutic culture incites people to feel powerless and ill. He is on to something important. **In the magazine *First Things* there recently was an essay called "The Therapeutic Subversion of Parental Rights" by John M. Grondelski focusing on how the therapy culture is going against parental rights regarding their children.** He asks: "Is 'mental health' the new cudgel by which the state subverts parental rights?" Here are some highlights:

-Earlier this summer, Illinois became the first state to mandate annual mental health screenings for all public-school children in grades 3 through 12. One of former Polish president Andrzej Duda's last acts in office was to refer to the Constitutional Tribunal a bill allowing children as young as thirteen to obtain psychological services without parental consent.

*-Good parents, and good teachers, can recognize when a child is in trouble. But that does not justify the state stepping into the role of super-parent, initiating treatment independently of mothers and fathers. The argument here resembles earlier school-based "pragmatic" interventions such as condom distribution. When objections arise, officials reply that some parents are negligent or abusive, or that adolescents' "privacy" must be protected. **The real effect is to normalize state displacement of parents.** (emphasis added)*

-For decades, minors have been able to receive treatment for venereal disease—including AIDS—without parental consent. Virginia's Fairfax County Public Schools system is currently accused of facilitating abortions for minors without parental knowledge.

-The common thread is the erosion of parental primacy in favor of a new model of the child as a "little adult," an autonomous chooser whose "rights" stand over against those of the family. Parents, in this vision, are reduced to one more interest group alongside the state, NGOs, and medical providers, all competing to influence the child.

*-That shift rests on a dangerously elastic understanding of "health." In *Doe v. Bolton*, "health" as a justification for abortion was stretched to cover virtually any reason. Today, the medical establishment's relativism has already redefined chemical castration and surgical mutilation as "gender-affirming care." Tomorrow, it may allow the state to override parents in the name of protecting children from "medical neglect." The Soviet Union notoriously used psychiatry to suppress dissent. The line between "mental health" and political conformity can be thinner than liberal societies like to admit.*

-When harm occurs, responsibility does not fall on governors, legislators, or school counselors. A daughter injured by an abortionist or scarred by "gender-affirming" treatments will not turn to a judge for help; she will return home. Complications from undisclosed medical treatment must be borne by the parents left in the dark. The day-to-day fallout of "psychological help" always ends up in the household, not the statehouse.

-That said, let's not delude ourselves about two huge benefits these proposals afford to the state. First, it provides them with a wealth of data about internal family dynamics that more intrusive jurisdictions could potentially weaponize against parents (for example, non—"gender-affirming" parents in child protective services cases). Second, it creates an opportunity to significantly expand Individualized Education Programs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or other federal programs, to secure more federal and state funds to "rehabilitate" kids.

-What we are witnessing is the therapeutic state dressing its ambitions in the white coat of medical concern. But therapy is not neutral. It carries...an implicit vision of the human person. In this case, the vision is of the isolated, autonomous self, shorn of family ties and tutored directly by experts and bureaucrats. Against this stands the Christian vision of the child: a person-in-relation, entrusted by God to his parents, formed in love and discipline, and only secondarily a subject of state interest. (emphasis added) See <https://firstthings.com/the-therapeutic-subversion-of-parental-rights/>

Catholic Social Teaching on Parents

239. **The family has a completely original and irreplaceable role in raising children...** The right and duty of parents to educate their children is essential, since it is connected with the transmission of human life; it is original and primary with regard to the educational role of others, on account of the uniqueness of the loving relationship between parents and children; **and it is irreplaceable and inalienable, and therefore incapable of being entirely delegated to others or usurped by others**" Parents have the duty and right to impart a religious education and moral formation to their children, a right the State cannot annul but which it must respect and promote. **This is a primary right that the family may not neglect or delegate.**

240. **Parents are the first educators, not the only educators, of their children. It belongs to them, therefore, to exercise with responsibility their educational activity in close and vigilant cooperation with civil and ecclesial agencies.** ...Parents have the right to choose the formative tools that respond to their convictions and to seek those means that will help them best to fulfill their duty as educators, in the spiritual and religious sphere also. Public authorities have the duty to guarantee this right and to ensure the concrete conditions necessary for it to be exercised In this context, cooperation between the family and scholastic institutions takes on primary importance.

241. Parents have the right to found and support educational institutions. Public authorities must see to it that "public subsidies are so allocated that parents are truly free to exercise this right without incurring unjust burdens.... The refusal to provide public economic support to non-public schools that need assistance and that render a service to civil society is to be considered an injustice. "Whenever the State lays claim to an educational monopoly, it oversteps its rights and offends justice... The State cannot, without injustice, merely tolerate so-called private schools. Such schools render a public service and therefore have a right to financial assistance.

243. Parents have, then, a particular responsibility in the area of sexual education. It is of fundamental importance for the balanced growth of children that they are taught in an orderly and progressive manner the meaning of sexuality and that they learn to appreciate the human and moral values connected with it. "In view of the close links between the sexual dimension of the person and his or her ethical values, education must bring the children to a knowledge of and respect for moral norms as the necessary and highly valuable guarantee for responsible personal growth in human sexuality. **Parents have the obligation to inquire about the methods used for sexual education in educational institutions in order to verify that such an important and delicate topic is dealt with properly.**

NOTE: This is especially true with respect to sex education programs which often teach students immoral practices and values with respect to marriage, gender, human life, pornography and the purposes and meaning of sexuality written into human nature by God: the procreative meaning and the unitive meaning of man and woman in lifelong marriage. Sexual relations are meant for marriage and outside of marriage are seriously sinful. A serious stain on humanity and sexuality is the pornography epidemic. (emphasis added) Citations are from *The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church USCCB*.



PICNIC TIME!

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 basket today!
We must have your name for a final count in order
for you to attend.

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!

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Bible Study and More! Go to
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you access to quality Catholic on line programs,
movies, audios, and books. Today is the Feast of the
Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Watch: FORMED Now!
Exultation of the Holy Cross or read: *St. Helena and
the True Cross*. Monday is the Memorial of Our Lady
of Sorrows. Listen to *Drawing Strength from Our
Lady of Sorrows*, or *15 Thing to do in the Midst of
Suffering*. Watch: FORMED Now! *Our Lady of
Sorrows* or *Sorrowful Mysteries*.

The Society of the Patricians invites you to share
your thoughts on the following topic: *Co-
habitation, marriage, and the Sacrament of
Marriage. What's the difference?* Please join us
on: Thursday, September 25th at 7:00pm, St. Paul
the Apostle School Cafeteria (entrance in the
parking lot of the church)

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. Class begins Sept. 20th

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.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will meet
on Thurs, Sept 18th, 12:30pm, St. Ann's Church, Fr.
Anthony Hall. Info: 914.423.5331. New members are
always welcome.

Our **Knights of Columbus** council is having their
Charitable Raffle with a \$50,000 in cash prizes.
Drawing will be held Dec. 6th. Ticket price: \$3. Please
visit kofc3995.org for more information and how to
purchase tickets to support their charitable efforts.

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
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