

St. Paul the Apostle Parish



Lincoln Park

Fr. Leonard F. Villa, Pastor

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

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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



MASS Intentions

Saturday Sept. 20, 2025

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

Monday Sept. 22, 2025

9:00 Henry & Norah Tulick Orosz family

12:00 Eoin Hassett (living-spiritual welfare)

Tuesday Sept. 23, 2025

9:00 Deceased of the O'Neill & Kostivitch fmly

Wednesday Sept. 24, 2025

9:00 Helen Kohlhepp (living-healing) J. O'Neill

12:00 Catherine Dana Laura Winterroth

Thursday Sept. 25, 2025

9:00 Anne T. McPartland Mary/Bill Turner

12:00 In Thanksgiving

Friday Sept. 26, 2025

9:00 Peter Daly Daly family

Saturday Sept. 27, 2025

9:00 Jenny Swope Eileen Slattery

12:00 Deceased of Reymondez Ramos Family

5:00 Helen & Vincent Hislop Thea Cronin

Justine & Daniel Cronin

Sunday Sept. 28, 2025

7:45 Bernard & Mary Kivlan Eugene/Maureen

9:15 For the People of the Parish

10:45 Alice Cleary (living) St. Paul's Rel Ed

12:15 Robert McHugh Legion of Mary

2:30 Luigi Mazzella, MD



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, Marina Infante Sitchon, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Sept. 20th 5:00 D. Estrosas

Sept. 21st 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 A. Canale
10:45 A. Urgola 12:15 E. Slattery

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STEWARDSHIP: Week of September 14, 2025

1st Collection \$3,635

2nd Collection \$781

Shrines \$226

On line giving \$1900

Total Collection \$6,542

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When someone dies: What the Church Teaches

Church in Heaven→

Church on Earth→

Church being Purified→



Sad to say strange things, sometimes non-Catholic things, are increasingly said at Catholic funeral Masses today sometimes by clergy and sometimes by laity in a eulogy. Clergy proclaim that the deceased is in Heaven so that the funeral Mass is used as a canonization ceremony or a eulogy proclaims the whole Mass is a eulogy celebrating the life of the deceased. **The funeral Mass, or for that matter, any Mass is not a human celebration of us but the supreme and perfect worship of God through Jesus Christ offering Himself on our behalf as Priest, Offering, and Altar.** It is the worship of Heaven joined to earth. **The intention of the funeral Mass is the purification of the soul of the deceased, if they need this, and for consolation for the bereaved.** If, in fact, the person is already in Heaven, then God will use the benefits of the Mass for someone else in the Body of Christ. Recall that the Church exists in Heaven, the Church triumphant, the Church in Purgatory: souls being purified, and the Church on earth, the fighting Church against the world, the flesh, and the devil.

At the trial of St. Joan of Arc, in 1431, the prosecutor Jean Beaupere asked her: *Do you know if you are in the grace of God?* Joan replied: *If I am not there, may God put me there; and if I am there, may God keep me there.* A modern French lawyer commented: Her remarks left the Court in stunned silence. It was an astute, theologically correct response from an unlettered woman. **Only God has absolute certainty about the state of any person's soul!** Hence, while people may believe sincerely that someone's in Heaven, only God could know that with certainty, and we should continue to pray for that person. Back in 1979 the Holy See issued a letter because of what was being said at funeral Masses. It noted: ***The Church excludes every way of thinking or speaking that would render meaningless or unintelligible her prayers, her funeral rites and the religious acts offered for the dead.*** All these are, in their substance, are sources for Catholic belief, the highest being Scripture and Apostolic Tradition, that which was handed over to us from the Apostles.

A big part of the crisis is the trivialization of sin, which is sometimes portrayed as breaking rules. Sin is not about breaking rules. It is a disintegrating factor in our humanity, cracks in our humanity, which make us less the person God created us to be. Christ and His sacraments are the medicine to heal these cracks in our humanity to introduce order where there was disorder. ***Each person receives his/her eternal retribution in his/her immortal soul at the very moment of death, in a particular judgment that refers his/her life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven –through a purification, or immediate or everlasting damnation.*** CCC #1022. Those who die in God's grace and friendship AND are perfectly purified live forever with Christ in the life of heaven. **Those who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified** will go to heaven after they have undergone the purification of Purgatory. St. John of the Cross reminds us: *At the end you will be examined on your love. Strive to love as God desires to be loved and abandon your present state.* (**Dichos**, his sayings, #59) How does God desire to be loved? He's told us: *You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind.* Matt 22

Masses are offered for our brothers and sisters being purified to assist them in their purification since we belong to the same family of Christ and the “holiness of one profits others, well beyond the harm that the sin of one could cause others. CCC #1475. This also involves the exchange of spiritual goods which derive chiefly from the Sacrifice of the Mass which is the same sacrifice as Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross.

All sin has two consequences it either kills (mortal sin) or weakens (venial sin) the life of grace which is our union with God the Blessed Trinity. Even after forgiveness that sin leaves a wound. This wound is the unhealthy attachment to creatures which must be purified. In other words our love for God must be purified of rival loves which exist in opposition to Him and harm our relation with Him. Hence it is important that we pray for our deceased daily, offer sacrifices and indulgences for them, and assist them by having Masses offered for the repose of their souls. **An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven, which the faithful Christian, duly disposed, can gain under certain prescribed conditions.** It is either plenary or partial. **The temporal punishment due to sin is an unhealthy attachment to creatures, the tendency to do the sin again.**

We do not go it alone in our need to make up for our sins. Every Christian is joined to Christ but he or she is joined to all the other Christians who make up the Body of Christ, the family of the Church including those being purified in Purgatory and the angels and saints in heaven. **Hence there is an everlasting link of love which joins all Christians together. In this exchange the holiness of one profits the other.** This holiness includes Christ’s merits and all the spiritual goods of all the members of Christ’s Body especially the prayers and good works of the Virgin Mary and the saints. They are truly immense and pristine in their value before God. The Church through her power to bind and loose in Christ’s name through an indulgence gives the Christian a special share in the holiness of the treasury of the Church to help heal his or her own wounds from sin but also to be applied to those of our family who are being purified in the afterlife in the state called purgatory. **Hence indulgences involve shared love flowing from the mercy of God which heals.**

Plenary indulgence heals all the wounds of our sins. Partial indulgences heal those wounds partially. Every day in our morning-prayer we should make the intention to God to gain any and all indulgences attached to our prayer, devotion, and good works. The Church grants indulgences for various activities or special occasions. A book called ***The Enchiridion of Indulgences*** contains many of the grants of indulgences to benefit the spiritual lives of Catholics. For example a plenary indulgence was granted for the public praying of the prayer *Veni Creator Spiritus* on January 1. However many Catholics (most?) don’t know about indulgences and/or why they are important for our spiritual lives. **Sad to say indulgences are rarely preached about or referenced by the clergy. Nevertheless, indulgences are part of the Catholic Faith, and they form part of the instruction on the sacrament of confession.** (See the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1471 and following.)

In approaching the sacrament of Confession three acts of the penitent are involved:

(1) **Contrition** whereby the penitent expresses sorrow for sin. (**NOTE:** Perfect contrition arises from a love whereby God is loved above all else. This forgives venial sins, and it forgives mortal sins **if it includes the firm resolution to get to confession as soon as possible.** Imperfect contrition is sorrow because of the ugliness of sin and the fear of punishment. This does not obtain the forgiveness of mortal sins, but it disposes one to obtain forgiveness in Confession.)

(2) **The confession of sins** whereby all mortal sins must be recounted by number and kind to a priest. (**NOTE:** The confession of venial sins is strongly recommended by the Church. It is an act of humility. It helps to form the conscience, to fight against our evil tendencies. It gives healing from Christ and a greater share in God’s life. This is called a confession of devotion.)

(3) **Making satisfaction** is the third act of the penitent. **All sins, even after forgiveness leave a wound to self and the Church. Absolution does not take away all the disorder sin has caused: harm to self and to neighbor.** This must be healed in this life or in the life to come. This is why the penitent receives a penance from the priest to aid in the process of healing the wound of sin. **To help heal the wound of sin the Church makes available indulgences to us.**



Rosary Rally to honor St. Michael the Archangel.

Please join us in praying the Rosary on Sat., Sept. 27th at 1pm in front of the Church.

Invite your family, neighbor(s) and friend(s). Saint Michael is the patron saint of police officers and military personnel.

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.

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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. Tuesday is the Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest. Watch *Padre Pio: Miracle Man* or *Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth* or *Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. The Cross that Padre Pio Bore*. Listen to: *The Life of Padre Pio*. For children, Watch *Lukas Storyteller: Padre Pio*.

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)

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: \$10 for a book of four. The Knights will be at the masses on Sept. 27th and 28th to sell tickets or you can visit kofc3995.org for more information and how to purchase tickets to support their charitable efforts.

The Mass book for 2026 will be opening October 1st. You may submit your requests through our email at stpaulyonkers@gmail.com or call the rectory before 12noon.

Religious Education has begun. You can still register through our website or pick up forms in back of Church. Forms can be dropped in the collection basket.

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

Feminine Genius Brunch

Saturday, November 8th
10:00am - 12:30pm

St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers

This brunch celebrates the amazing God-given attributes endowed to you as women - receptivity, sensitivity, generosity, and maternity - all of which make up the feminine genius.

Register at <http://support.archny.org/>

Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, SV will speak about the beauty of the feminine heart and trust.

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: Nov. 8, 2025 and Jan. 10, 2026. In Spanish: Oct. 11, 2025 and Feb. 14, 2026. 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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