

St. Paul the Apostle Parish



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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



MASS Intentions

Saturday **Sept. 27, 2025**

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

Monday **Sept. 29, 2025**

9:00 Cathal & Michael Mooney Family
12:00 Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday **Sept. 30, 2025**

9:00 Bill Turner Sr. Mary & Bill Turner

Wednesday **Oct. 1, 2025**

9:00 Mary Duffy Eileen Slattery
12:00 Leah Haywood & Julian Young

Thursday **Oct. 2, 2025**

9:00 Nadia Tarapasade (living)
12:00 Special Intention

Friday **Oct. 3, 2025**

9:00 Carmen Rodriguez Margaret Keane

Saturday **Oct. 4, 2025**

9:00 Aurea Areza (living-Birthday) Family
12:00 Monica Slattery (living) Eileen Slattery
5:00 Mary Gaughan (Anniversary) daughter

Sunday **Oct. 5, 2025**

7:45 Joan Arnao Kathy Scott
9:15 Kevin Duignan Evelyn Foley
10:45 For the People of the Parish
12:15 Helen Brady (Bday memorial) Frank Brady
1:30 Anna Visintin



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, Eileen Coughlin & Patrizia DeGiovanni



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week, especially, John Whelan, Marina Infante Sitchon, Rosaleen DaRos, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Sept. 27th 5:00 D. Douglas

Sept. 28th 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 J. Barton

10:45 K. Snyder 12:15 F. Brady

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1st Collection \$3,910

2nd Collection \$1,318

Shrines \$216

On line giving \$1,700

Total Collection \$7,144

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The Sacred Heart and the Political Order

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to which the entire month of June is consecrated, carries with it undoubtedly socio-political meanings which, although everything possible has been done in the last half century to condemn them to oblivion, are indelibly part of the history of this worship and are rooted in it. The worship of the Sacred Heart is a worship of adoration of the Lord Jesus with particular emphasis on his holy and true humanity, hence the hostility with which the Jansenists opposed it in the eighteenth century, considering it not very "spiritual" and even idolatrous. This clash between the Church and the Jansenist-heresy,* the worship of the Sacred Heart, promoted or rejected, makes clear what is at stake: the Jansenist-transformation of Christianity into a spirituality disinterested in the body, in temporal realities, in social life ... or the Catholic full awareness of the truth of the Incarnation, with all that it entails, in relation to the incarnation of the Gospel in the concrete life (family, economic, social, political) of men.

***NOTE:** Jansenism had a number of heretical deviations from the Catholic Faith; but in terms of the Sacred Heart, Pope Pius XI stated: *the Jansenist heresy, the most crafty of them all, hostile to love and piety towards God, was creeping in and preaching that God was not to be loved as a father but rather to be feared as an implacable judge; then the most benign Jesus showed his own most Sacred Heart to the nations lifted up as a standard of peace and charity portending no doubtful victory in the combat...* Pius XI, *Miserentissimus Deus*, *Encyclical Letter* Catholic truth won and, albeit with difficulty, the Church managed to eradicate the Jansenist heresy, a victory certainly attributable also, to the diffusion and success of devotion to the Sacred Heart.

...The religious choice that characterizes, evidently, post-conciliar (after Vatican II) Catholicism with the renunciation of the *res publica Christiana* (the Catholic confessional state) ** in favor of the liberal pluralist secular society, inevitably leads to underscoring the individual and psychological dimension of faith ...forgetting more and more the community and political dimension of Christianity. This almost always leads to a process of dis-incarnation of Christianity, with faith increasingly confined to the interior-psychological sphere of believers. ...

****NOTE:** The renunciation is not official doctrine but practical. Very few in the Church defend the confessional State or the social reign of Jesus Christ. Vatican II's *Declaration on Religious Freedom* states: *it leaves untouched traditional Catholic doctrine on the moral duty of men and societies toward the true religion and toward the one Church of Christ* and weakly allows for a confessional State: *If, in view of peculiar circumstances obtaining among peoples, special civil recognition is given to one religious community in the constitutional order of society, it is at the same time imperative that the right of all citizens and religious communities to religious freedom should be recognized and made effective in practice.*

The issue is not simply about "peculiar circumstances" but the teaching about the social reign of Christ the King and the true Church. The Scriptures tell us Christ must reign (!) until all enemies are put under His feet. 1Cor 5:25. The social reign of Christ the King means the teaching that there is no sphere where Christ is not Lord or from which He can be excluded as a matter of principle. Pope Pius XI teaches it: *all, whether collectively or individually, are under the dominion of Christ. In him is salvation of the individual, in him is the salvation of society.* Pius XI *Quas Primas, On the Kingship of Christ*

The worship of the Sacred Heart ... indicates ...placing at the center, the Heart of Christ's flesh, the organ in which body, soul and Divinity are "joined", that is, celebrating the indissoluble unity in Jesus Christ of His humanity and Divinity, of bodily and of spiritual, biological life, affective-psychic life and Eternal Life. The mystery of the Incarnation is celebrated in worship and devotion to the Sacred Heart.

The religion of the Incarnation cannot exclude anything human from the call to perfect communion with God and therefore nothing human is excluded from the work of evangelization which, indeed, must convert everything to Christ. In the logic of the Incarnation there is no room for secularization, indeed the logic of the Incarnation carries with it the yearning to consecrate everything to God....

With this spirit of "total" evangelization and with the intention of winning back the whole of society to Christ, devotion to the Sacred Heart was tirelessly promoted starting at least from the seventeenth century. Devotion already widespread in Germany in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, in the seventeenth it found its center of radiation in France. Great apostles of devotion to the Sacred Heart were the Jesuits, the same Jesuits who in the 17th and 18th centuries (until their dissolution in 1773) waged a heroic battle to preserve and increase the *societas christiana*, (a Christian Society) preserving it from the poison of "modern" ideas, rationalist first, and then the so-called enlightenment. The cult of the Sacred Heart is closely connected with the Kingship of Christ, it is in fact the cult of the fleshly heart of the King of kings, it is royal cult.

It is no coincidence, therefore, that on June 17, 1689, Christ himself, through Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, addressed a precise request to the French king Louis XIV: to consecrate France to the Sacred Heart and to portray the Sacred Heart on all the banners of the kingdom. **It would have meant the explicit recognition of the Lordship of Christ, against every modern idea of sovereignty, and equally it would have meant the most solemn repudiation of Jansenism and Calvinism as well as rationalism and the incipient Enlightenment.** (emphasis added) France would have solemnly declared itself sacred to Christ, to his Royal Heart. She would proclaim herself as the Kingdom of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Louis XIV refused the request; France was not consecrated; in a few years France would become the center of rationalism and then of the philosophical and political Enlightenment. On 17 June 1789, exactly one hundred years later, the Third Estate proclaimed itself the National Assembly, and claimed constituent power. The France of tradition, (elder daughter of the Church) the most Christian Kingdom, the France of Clovis, Charlemagne and Louis IX were overwhelmed by the Revolution.

NOTE: Rationalism is the doctrine that human reason alone is the ultimate authority even in religion. The Enlightenment (late 1700's to 1815) main ideas: reason, individualism and skepticism. One person who espoused all three of these values was the anti-Catholic French philosopher, Voltaire.

After the French Revolution, the cult of the Sacred Heart was even better understood by Catholics as a royal and anti-revolutionary cult, so, not only in France, the opposition to the "modern" ideas brought by the revolutionary armies relied on the Sacred Heart. The effigy of the Sacred Heart became the hallmark of all counterrevolutionaries, insurgents and Catholic patriots, from the Vendée (Martyrs of the French Revolution) to the Kingdom of Naples via Tyrol (Tyrol was consecrated to the Sacred Heart in 1796) ... and then the whole Hispanic world. Pius XI and Pius XII also devoted great importance to the cult of the Sacred Heart and made it the supernatural means for restoring Christian civilization.

NOTE: The notion that devotion to the Sacred Heart is a royal cult does not mean necessarily human kings, although for a long time especially in France the two were joined together: the Sacred Heart and the French monarchy. The only real and eternal kingship is that of Jesus Christ the King. Msgr. Pope points out: *Since the modern democratic republics common today were largely unknown in biblical times, and due to the hierarchical structure of the Church and the biblical teaching on families, some today favor monarchy (or a modified version of it) as the "best fit" for Catholic teaching, especially if the monarch is of the Faith. But this is probably going too far and is more specific than Catholic teaching prefers. While some systems are better than others, all of them have shortcomings that require the voice of the Church, and of faith and natural law, to set limits and occasionally voice opposition. Atheistic forms of government that seek to silence the voice of faith are excluded since they deny a natural right of man. Secular or nonsectarian forms of government are permissible as long as they do not deny the influence of faith altogether or limit the religious liberty of citizens.*
<https://www.simplycatholic.com/what-form-of-government-is-best/>

...Celebrating the Sacred Heart of Jesus, has for centuries been a sign of a counter-revolutionary spirit, and a commitment to the restoration of a Christian society.... (T)he logic of the Incarnation implies the public, social, cultural and political dimension of the Faith. The Social Doctrine of the Church, as conceived by Leo XIII, if, philosophically, it presupposes the metaphysical realism of Thomas Aquinas, it is spiritually nourished by the cult of the Sacred Heart because it has its summit and synthesis-point the social Kingship of Christ.

NOTE: Metaphysical realism is the view that most of the objects that populate the world exist independently of our thought and have their nature independently of how, if at all, we conceive of them. (This essay was adapted and edited from an essay in Italian by Fr. Samuel Cecotti <https://vanthuanobservatory.com/2023/06/20/il-significato-politico-della-devozione-al-sacro-cuore-di-gesu/>)

Adoration

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. Monday is the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels and Thursday is the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels. Watch: *Power and Dominion: Angels, Demons and Spiritual Warfare*; or *Angels* by Fulton Sheen. Listen to: *Angels Explained*. Tuesday watch: *The Example of St. Jerome*. Wednesday Watch: *Miracle of Saint Therese* or *The Secret of Saint Therese*.

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 this weekend 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.

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.

The Matthew Wallace Foundation hosts *Matt's Grab-n-Go* with essential items -Wednesday, Oct. 8th at 11:30am at Kerry Hall, 305 McLean Avenue.

Monday Night Bingo at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Hall, White Plains. Bingo Hall and Kitchen open at 5pm – Games begin at 7pm. OVER \$1,200 in Prizes. For more information call 914-948-5909 or visit www.sjeolmc.org/bingo.

Archbishop Stepinac High School Open House, Sunday, Oct. 26th and Tues., Oct. 28th. Stepinac's rigorous academic program opens the doors to the most prestigious colleges. From curriculum innovation to cutting-edge real-world technology to a wide range of clubs, activities and athletics program – the Stepinac scholar's experience is like no other. Visit Stepinac.org. RSVP required

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