

St. Paul the Apostle Parish



Lincoln Park

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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. Open Meeting
Thursday	7:00 PM Al-Anon
1st Friday	9:30-11:00 Adoration
Friday	7:30 PM Boy Scouts
Saturday	9:30 AM Religious Educ. PreK-8
Sunday	7:00 PM A.A. Beginners Meeting

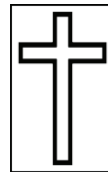
Pregnancy Hot Line

Tel: 800-640-0767



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025



MASS Intentions

Saturday Dec. 6, 2025

5:00 Joan Odell (Anniversary) son, Stephen

Sunday Dec. 7, 2025

7:45 For the People of the Parish

9:15 Catherine Cafferky Mary

10:45 Frank Beirne (Anniversary) Mary Beirne

12:15 Les Hardy Kathleen Jacob

1:30 John Vasile Laura Winterroth

Monday Dec. 8, 2025

9:00 John & Kay Snyder Rosanne Snyder

12:00 For the People of the Parish

7:30 Rosaleen DaRos Peggy Curtin

Tuesday Dec. 9, 2025

9:00 Ralph Dello Ioio Anthony Guerriero

Wednesday Dec. 10, 2025

9:00 Mary Spratt Kathleen Walsh

12:00 Lesly, Kressia & Yanci Segura

Thursday Dec. 11, 2025

9:00 Mirika & Dod Brunga Angela

12:00 For Souls in Purgatory

Friday Dec. 12, 2025

9:00 Daniel Curtin Brannigan family

Saturday Dec. 13, 2025

9:00 Jane Fay Annette Urgola

12:00 Luigi Mazzella, MD

5:00 Christine McAllistar Kathleen Walsh

Sunday Dec. 14, 2025

7:45 For the People of the Parish

9:15 Children of the Religious Ed program
& their families (living)

10:45 Nadia Tarapasade & family (living)

12:15 Elizabeth Cardone Family

1:30 Thomas Ferguson Laure Winterroth



Pray FOR THE SICK

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, Leny Sunaz, Bridig Robinson, Kathleen
Kerrigan, Carol Saxe, Maria Toppi, Eleanor Coloso,
Sonny Tiongson, Camielle Moynihan, Eileen
Coughlin, Carol O'Neill, Jane Curtin, Rose Rampa &
Patrizia DeGiovanni



Please remember in prayer all those who died
this week and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Dec. 6th 5:00 D. Douglas

Dec. 7th 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 J. Barton
10:45 K. Snyder 12:15 V. Rahiman

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STEWARDSHIP: Week of November 23, 2025

Total \$6,975

STEWARDSHIP: Week of November 30, 2025

1 st Collection	\$4,895
2 nd Collection	\$1,270
Shrines	\$148
Thanksgiving	\$1,382
On line giving	\$1,600
Total Collection	\$9,295

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!



ADVENT

*Heavenly Word, proceeding from the bosom of the Eternal Father, Thou wast born and didst come to the aid of
the world, in the fleeting course of time.
Enlighten now our hearts and kindle them with Your love; so that the heart, letting go of passing things, the joys of
heaven may fill;
That when the tribunal of the Judge will condemn the wicked to the flame, a friendly voice will call the just to
heaven promised
May we not be whirled about in the turbines of the dark whirlpool, the food of flames, but sharing in the vision of
God, we may enjoy heavenly happiness
To God the Father, with the Son and to Thee, Holy Spirit, may there ever be, as has ever been, glory forever and
ever. Amen.*

Columbus' Cross in Hispaniola Brings Miracles



The Cross of Parra, also known as the Columbus Cross, is part of the original cross erected by Christopher Columbus in Baracoa, Cuba on December 27, 1492.

An account of several miracles indirectly attributable to the discoverer of America is given by the Count de Lorgues in his "Christophe Colomb." The following relates to a cross which he erected in Hispaniola, at Fort Conception: "At the beginning of April 1495, Columbus visited for the second time the Royal Plain, where the year before he had paused in admiration, blessing God aloud in the presence of his soldiers, and thanking Him for making known a land so beautiful.

After the submission of Guarionex, the chief of that part of the country, the Admiral had received, in the terms of the treaty, authority to construct a fort at the entrance to this magnificent region. Wishing to pay honor to the sign of salvation in this charming place, he ordered the mate, Alonzo de Valencia, to take a troop of twenty men, and with this escort, consisting

principally of sailors and carpenters, to cut down a fine tree which he had marked for making a Cross. The trunk, cut square, formed the shaft, and the largest of the boughs was laid transversely for the arms. It may have been eighteen or twenty palms in height. This great Cross, conspicuously tall, was erected by the Admiral on a hill at the base of the mountains, from which might be seen over an immense expanse the most superb view of this superb plain...

"During the prosecution of the works, having no priest or church at hand, he made his daily prayer before this Cross. He there assembled, morning and evening, the workmen and soldiers. He said his office regularly beside the sacred symbol.... Fort Conception is that spot in Hispaniola where he spent the longest time.... Moreover, he wished to sanctify this privileged place by building a church for the daily celebration of three Masses...."When the revealer of the globe, in reward of his discoveries, had been torn from his government, loaded with chains, sent to Spain, the Spaniards, following his example, continued to assemble there to say their prayers standing. One day the Cross, invoked with honest faith, wrought a miracle. Some persons were cured of a fever by touching it. Other sufferers were attracted to it and recommended themselves earnestly to God. Many of them were cured. The Cross was called the True Cross, for it was distinguished by working miracles.

"The name and the wonders of the True Cross were noised about. The Indians, oppressed by the Spaniards after Bobadilla's assumption of office, having observed the respect paid ... to the sacred symbol, determined to destroy it. They came in force to the assault, and fastening strong cords of twisted fiber to the shaft of the Cross, tried to pull it down; but in spite of their numbers all their efforts were unavailing. The Cross defied their strength and stood immovable. Discontented by their ill success, they tried to reduce it to ashes. Gathering large heaps of dry brushwood, they surrounded them at night with faggots of inflammable material to a great height and set them on fire. The flames broke out with violence. The cross soon disappeared in fire and smoke. The idolaters with their priests, the Bohutis, retired well pleased. But next morning they saw the Cross standing in perfect preservation amid the smoking heaps. Not even the color of the wood was changed, except that at the foot it was slightly blackened, as if a lighted candle had been applied to it.

"Deterred and dismayed by this miraculous manifestation, they fled trembling, and afraid that they had incurred the resentment of the Cross, which they were persuaded came from Heaven. Nevertheless, the vindictive violence of their Bohutis made them return to the attack, to try to cut it down with their hatchets of sharpened stone and the knives which had been procured by exchange from the Spaniards. The wood offered an unusual resistance, and they observed that the moment they had chipped off a fragment the cavity was filled in immediately, and their work had to recommence. Their frantic obstinacy gave way before this new wonder. Bethinking themselves that their united strength had been unable not only to pull down the Cross, but even to move it, and seeing the Christians paying reverence to it, they from that time prostrated themselves before it.

"To these prodigies was added another, permanent and seen by all, which became each year a greater subject of astonishment, namely, the complete preservation of the wood, which, without my coating of tar or chemical application of any kind, defied the damp and the heat, which in that climate produce rapid decay. The Cross was not fissured or warped or worm eaten. It might have been just set up. Fifty eight years after it had been erected it was as perfect as the first day. Another wonderful effect made a deep impression upon the people of that part, and it was to see the Cross standing safe, untouched by hurricanes and whirlwinds, which had torn from their place and flung down to the earth trees and houses all around. "The miracles increased in number and notoriety. Oviedo, who was Governor of San Domingo, though hostile, as we have seen, to Columbus, attests that the miraculous Cross, which at the time he wrote, 1535, was standing inside the Cathedral, had been erected by Columbus himself at Fort Conception.

"In 1553 the Cathedral was blown down in a hurricane, the chapel of the True Cross alone escaping. The whole town was a heap of ruins, except the Franciscan convent; but many of the inhabitants had in their houses or on their persons a relic of the True Cross, and of these not one was injured. The population had to seek another home, and the Cross is heard of no more. Rome had never publicly sanctioned the devotion to this True Cross, but an all-sufficient reason would seem to be the desire to avoid all clashing with the more ancient claims of a far holier TRUE CROSS. The miraculous cures seem well certified" — **Father Knight's translation.**

John O'Kane Murray, *Lives of the Catholic Heroes and Heroines of America* (New York: P.J. Kenedy, 1882), pp. 177-178, fn.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Monday, December 8th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held at 9am, 12noon (Latin) and 7:30pm. Please make every effort to attend.

The Knight of Columbus Cardinal Hayes Council 3995 will be hosting the Silver Rose Ceremony dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 7th at 2:30 PM at St Paul the Apostle Parish. All are welcome.

Poinsettia Plants on the Christmas altar memorialize our loved ones. Please donate \$20 for a memorial plant. Envelopes can be found in the back of the church.

FORMED

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 Second Sunday of Advent. Monday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Watch: *Lectio Mary: The Bible & the Virgin Mary*, Session 9, *Full of Grace* & Session 10, *All Holy*; or *Footprints of God: Mary*. You can also watch: *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message*.

Grown-up Faith Formation - The Legion of Mary is offering a monthly opportunity for you to learn about/refresh your memory on our Faith (and you get to have coffee/tea and a nosh). It might be what you need to find some peace and to get some answers to questions. There will be an opportunity for Confession (don't worry if it has been a while). Saint Paul School Cafeteria, Saturday, December 20th from 9:30am - 11:00am

The Mass book for 2026 is open. You may visit or call the rectory before 12 noon or submit your requests through our email at stpaulyonkers@gmail.com



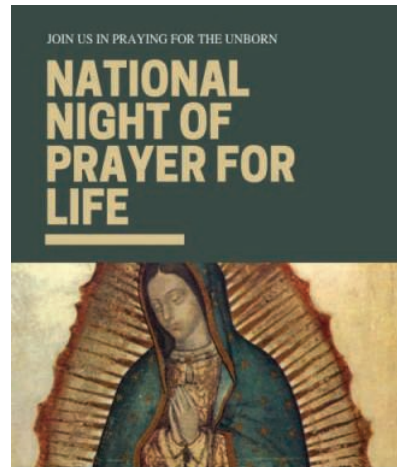
Confession will be offered in all Parishes throughout the entire Archdiocese of New York on Monday, December 15th from 2-4PM & 6-8PM

Legion of Mary Movie Matinee Saturday, Dec. 13th
@1pm in School Cafeteria -*The Bells of St. Mary's*.

The Giving Tree is ready for you to take an ornament and buy a gift for the Sisters of Life Visitation Mission (the women & children served by the Sisters of Life). Please return all unwrapped gifts by December 14th.

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is having their Annual Christmas Luncheon on Thurs, Dec 11th, 1:00pm at Tombolino Ristorante. Cost \$31 per person payable in cash at the luncheon. Reservations required. Info/reservations, 914-423-5331. Members/guests are welcome.

Holiday Toy Drive - Please join Hodder Farenga Funeral Home in a Holiday Toy Drive now through December 15th. New, unwrapped toys or clothing may be brought to Hodder Farenga. All donations will benefit Elizabeth Seton Children's Center in Yonkers, NY. Help Us Decorate This Holiday With Joy!



Annual National Night of Prayer for Life begins with Mass at 7:30PM Dec. 8th to 1:00AM Dec. 9th. During the Hour of Unity, 12 AM - 1 AM EST, we will be united with churches across the country in prayer.


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