

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
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Parish Meetings

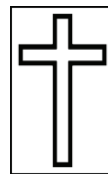
Monday	6:45 PM St. Paul's Folk Dance
Tuesday	7:30 Legion of Mary
Tuesday	8:00 PM Prayer Group
2nd Tuesday	8:00 PM Men's Group
Wednesday	7:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting
Thursday	7:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting
Thursday	7:00 PM Al-Anon
1st Friday	9:30-11:00 Adoration
Friday	7:30 PM Boy Scouts
Saturday	9:30 AM Religious Educ. PreK-8
Sunday	7:00 PM A.A. Beginners Meeting

Pregnancy Hot Line

Tel: 800-640-0767



GAUDATE SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2025



MASS *Intentions*

Saturday **Dec. 13, 2025**

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 Laura Winterroth

Monday **Dec. 15, 2025**

9:00 Anna Maria Biancardi Maria Cardone

12:00 Fr. Sean Connolly & Ernesto Morales

Tuesday **Dec. 16, 2025**

9:00 Deceased of Gordon & Walsh families

Wednesday **Dec. 17, 2025**

9:00 Deborah Lee (Bday mem) Sharon Abraham

12:00 Marie Martz (living)

Thursday **Dec. 18, 2025**

9:00 Michael McPartland Jr. & Regina Dolan

12:00 Kevin Freyne (living)

Friday **Dec. 19, 2025**

9:00 Deceased of Jacob & Chacko families

Saturday **Dec. 20, 2025**

9:00 Charles Urgola Family

12:00 Anne Savarese Brasino

5:00 Teresa Foley Evelyn Foley

Sunday **Dec. 21, 2025**

7:45 St. Paul the Apostle Purgatorial Society

9:15 Guzman Castillo Corinda Ferrara

10:45 Patrick Donnelly Family

12:15 For the People of the Parish

1:30 Silverio Mazzella



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 especially Fr. Joseph O'Meara,
Fr. Peter Sticco, Tommy O'Brien and those
who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Dec. 13th 5:00 D. Estrosas

Dec. 14th 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 A. Canale
10:45 A. Urgola 12:15 E. Slattery

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STEWARDSHIP: Week of December 7, 2025

1 st Collection	\$5,023
2 nd Collection	\$1,366
Shrines	\$202
Immaculate Conception	\$562
On line giving	\$1,650
Total Collection	\$8,803

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!*



Ashamed of the Son of Man?

They who want to win the world for Christ must have the courage to come into conflict with it.

~Blessed Titus Brandsma O.Carm, Martyr

Christ Is the Center of Life. There Are No Half-Measures

Blessed Rupert Mayer S.J., Apostle of Munich, Germany

Hearing (Mark 8:34ff), the following hard words of Jesus hit home: *For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.* For many contemporary Catholics, denying Jesus takes the form not of apostasy under duress but of "being ashamed" of him and his words -- not frequently, perhaps, but on those occasions when they are anxious not to appear uncouth or ignorant or in the grip of unfashionable moral hang-ups. Business luncheons, faculty receptions, museum benefit galas can by more subtle means accomplish what Tyburn* and the Coliseum could not. (*Tyburn in London was a place of execution of numerous Catholics martyrs who refused to recognize a Church of England started by Henry VIII. An image of the Tyburn Martyrs hangs in our parish. May they intercede for us.)

When a Christian finds himself in the company of prosperous scoffers, it's hard, particularly with a manhattan or glass of chardonnay in hand, to interrupt the flow of elegant blasphemy, and it's all too easy to feign agreement by one's silence. (There's a maxim in the law: he who remains silent, consents.) In such circles, mention of the Son of Man -- i.e., positive, non-sarcastic mention -- is as unlovely as a brown tooth. Yet what Christian would have the honesty to admit that he kept quiet in such circumstances because he was *ashamed* of Jesus? It hurts to think about it. Readers of C.S. Lewis's *Screwtape Letters* will remember the demon Wormwood's attempt to damn his patient by acquainting him with "just the sort of people we want him to know -- rich, smart, superficially intellectual, and brightly skeptical about everything in the world." The senior devil Screwtape wants to make capital out of the tactical situation:

*Tell me more. Did he commit himself deeply? I don't mean in words. There is a subtle play of looks and tones and laughs by which a Mortal can imply that he is of the same party as those to whom he is speaking. That is the kind of betrayal you should specially encourage, because the man does not fully realize it himself; and by the time he does you will have made withdrawal difficult. No doubt he must very soon realize that his own faith is in direct opposition to the assumptions on which all the conversation of his new friends is based. I don't think that matters much if you can persuade him to postpone any open acknowledgment of the fact, and this, with the aid of shame, pride, modesty and vanity, will be easy to do. As long as the postponement lasts, he will be in a false position. He will be silent when he ought to speak and laugh when he ought to be silent. He will assume, at first only by his manner, but presently by his words, all sorts of cynical and skeptical attitudes which are not really his. But if you play him well, they may become his. **All mortals tend to turn into the thing they are pretending to be.** (emphasis added)*

The chilling fact is that a believing, ordinarily dutiful Christian can be brought to deny the Son of Man without any of the barbarities of the torture chamber, but simply through the desire to get a laugh or avoid a sneer. I wonder how much of the headway that the counter-Christians have made among Western élites is abetted by these trivial acts of moral cowardice on the part of believers who know better (and know they know better). I confess it's not clear to me what the Son of Man's "being ashamed of" will consist in -- i.e., his being ashamed, when he comes in his glory, of those who were ashamed of him? Whatever form it takes, it's horrible to contemplate. (Diogenes) (END)

NOTE: Jesus is referred to as the “Son of Man” 88 times in the New Testament. **One meaning of the phrase “Son of Man” is as a reference to the prophecy of Daniel 7:13-14,** “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

The description “Son of Man” was a Messianic title. Jesus is the One who was given dominion and glory and a kingdom. When Jesus used this phrase, He was assigning the Son of Man prophecy to Himself. The Jews of that era would have been intimately familiar with the phrase and to whom it referred. Jesus was proclaiming Himself as the Messiah.

A second meaning of the phrase “Son of Man” is that Jesus is truly Man. God called the prophet Ezekiel “son of man” 93 times. God was simply calling Ezekiel a man: son of a man is a man. Jesus is fully God (John 1:1), but He is also truly Man (John 1:14). In summary, the phrase “Son of Man” indicates that Jesus is the Messiah and that He is truly Man as well as God. Jesus is the God-Man.

On a Spiritual Pandemic

Irrationality, the abdication of reason, the annihilation of critical judgment and the denial of evidence are the true pandemic virus of our time, which in rebellion against God manifests a delirium of omnipotence and in collective madness reveals the just nemesis of this wicked challenge... Each of us has been desired, thought of, and created to give glory to God and to be part of a great design of Providence. From all eternity the Lord has called us to share with Him in the work of Redemption, to cooperate in the salvation of souls and the triumph of the Good. Each of us today has the possibility of choosing to align himself with Christ or against Christ, to fight for the cause of good or to make himself an accomplice of the workers of iniquity. The victory of God is most certain, as certain as the reward that awaits those who make the choice to enter the battlefield alongside the King of kings; and the defeat of those who serve the Enemy is also certain, as is their eternal damnation.

Do you want to lose the supreme good that has been prepared for you, only for the sake of a quiet life and not to stand out from the crowd, out of cowardice and human respect, trading eternity for an apparent and ephemeral good? I exhort you to be witnesses of Christ, courageous champions of Truth and Goodness: on the benches of Parliament, in hospital wards, from the chairs of schools and universities, from the altar and the pulpit, at work, in the office, in the shop, in the family, in your daily commitments and, yes, even in pains and trials. Be worthy heirs of the Saints who have preceded you, remembering that you will have to answer for your silence, your complicity, and your cooperation with evil: if you can escape the condemnation of men, you will not be able to escape the judgment of God; just as you will be rewarded for the good you have done and witnessed to.

This rebellious and apostate generation can be fought with everyone’s contribution: from the doctor who finally denounces the harmful treatments imposed by criminal protocols to the policeman who refuses to apply illegitimate rules; from the parliamentarian who votes against unfair laws to the magistrate who opens a file for crimes against humanity; from the professor who teaches students to think for themselves to the journalist who reveals the deceptions and conflicts of interest of the powerful; from the father who defends his children against vaccination-fury to the son who protects his elderly parent without abandoning him...; from the citizen who claims the right to natural freedoms to the artisan and restaurateur who do not accept the oppression of those who prevent them from opening their business; from the grandfather who warns his grandchildren about the dangers of the dictatorship to the youth who does not allow himself to be seduced by fashions and influencers.

Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano` In memory of Msgr. Antonio Livi



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



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 Third Sunday of Advent. Watch: *Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage*; A Parable for Advent: *Waiting as Wheat Among the Weeds*; or *Advent Through the Centuries*. Listen to: *Advent: Rethinking the Season* or *Prepare the Way of the King*. For children watch: *Brother Francis: The Days of Advent* or FORMED Now!: *Making Advent Great for Kids*.

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

Christmas Rosary Rally – Sat., Dec. 20th at 1pm in front of the Church – As witness to the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. If inclement weather occurs, the rosary rally will be held inside the church.

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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!

The Matthew Wallace Foundation hosts *Spark the Spirit of Giving* – The holidays are a special time to gather, enjoy a meal and make lasting memories. Our goal is to help families by offering groceries for a complete family holiday meal. Sat., Dec. 20th 12PM (while supplies last), Kerry Hall, 305 McLean Ave. You need a valid NYS ID with a Westchester County address. No copies or pictures accepted.



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Friday, Jan. 23rd, Washington, D.C.

March for Life – Bus Pilgrimage: Friday, Jan. 23, 2026 | 5:00 AM - 10:00 PM - *Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.* -Join the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York and the Sisters of Life in advocating for the sacred dignity of every human person through our annual pilgrimage to the national March for Life in Washington, DC. The bus will depart at 5:00 AM from St. Joseph's Seminary | 201 Seminary Ave, Yonkers, NY and return between 9:00PM and 10:00PM. Total cost is \$60. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2026marchforlife>. Questions? Contact Sr. Elena Marie at 646-476-0931.



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

5PM AND 10PM LATIN MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7:45AM 9:15AM 10:45AM 12:15PM

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9:00AM 12:00PM (TLM) 5:00PM

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