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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. 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

St. Paul the Apostle Church



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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 28, 2025



MASS Intentions

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| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>Dec. 27, 2025</u> |
| 5:00 Dawn Wood (Anniversary) | Family |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Dec. 28, 2025</u> |
| 7:45 Margaret Hark | Cregin family |
| 9:15 Irene Barton | Family |
| 10:45 John & Josephine Ward | Their children |
| 12:15 Daniel Gaughan (Bday Mem) | daughter |
| 2:30 For the People of the Parish | |
| <u>Monday</u> | <u>Dec. 29, 2025</u> |
| 9:00 John, Dorothy, & Robert O'Neill | |
| 12:00 James & Mary Fay | Jane Fay |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Dec. 30, 2025</u> |
| 9:00 Brunga Family (living) | Angela |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Dec. 31, 2025</u> |
| 9:00 Terence Reynolds (1 st Anniversary) | Josephine |
| 12:00 Ashley Llewellyn & Belcalis Almanzar | |
| 5:00 Sally & Artie Ricci (living-for healing) | |
| <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Jan. 1, 2026</u> |
| 7:45 Patricia Flynn | Flynn family |
| 10:45 Frances & Douglas Goff | Friend |
| 12:00 Rosaleen DaRos | Betsy & Aidan Curtin |
| <u>Friday</u> | <u>Jan. 2, 2026</u> |
| 9:00 Vida Saka (living) | Angela |
| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>Jan. 3, 2026</u> |
| 9:00 Joseph Bastone | Mike LoPinto |
| 12:00 William Patrick Byrne | M/M Broderick |
| 5:00 John & Carol O'Neill (living) | |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Jan. 4, 2026</u> |
| 7:45 Angjelin Gjonoca | Angela |
| 9:15 Michael J. O'Hara (living) | |
| 10:45 Mary Gilligan | John Gilligan |
| 12:15 Rosaleen Tallon DaRos | Eileen Slattery |
| 1:30 For the People of the Parish | |

Happy
New Year!

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, Willi Dunz, & Patrizia DeGiovanni



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially Fr. Peter Sticco, Agnes Murtha, Tommy O'Brien, Mary Feerick, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

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| Dec. 27 th | 5:00 D. Estrosas | |
| Dec. 28 th | 7:45 S. Abraham | 9:15 A. Canale |
| | 10:45 A. Urgola | 12:15 V. Rahiman |

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STEWARDSHIP: Week of December 14, 2025

Total Collection \$7,007

STEWARDSHIP: Week of December 21, 2025

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For the Chinese Martyrs of Communism

Declassified Chinese government documents confirm that Mao's aim was to destroy completely the Catholic Church in China, not merely to bring it into line with the regime. Mao Zedong was a Chinese politician, communist revolutionary, and political theorist who founded the People's Republic of China in 1949 and led the country from its establishment until his death in 1976. Communism is in control in China to this day.

After the establishment of communism in 1949, the Chinese Communist Party sought for ways to bring religions in line with it. The Protestants came up with the idea of an indigenous church based on the so-called "three-self principles": self-government, self-support, and self-propagation. In December 1950, Chinese Catholics followed suit, with Father Wang Liangzuo in north Sichuan province, penning the "Guangyuan Manifesto" and signed by some 500 Catholics. It declared: *We are determined to sever all relations with imperialism, to do all we can to reform ourselves, to establish a new Church that shall be independent in its administration, its resources, and its apostolate.*

Like the Protestant "Christian Manifesto", the Catholic manifestos spoke of the need for a "three-self" or "three-autonomies" (as it was translated into English), even though this was previously only part of the Protestant missionary approach and not discussed among Catholic missionaries. Venerable Pope Pius XII praised Chinese Catholics for their loyalty and underscoring the importance of martyrdom. He additionally spoke out against the "three-self principles" **arguing that independence would make a church no longer "Catholic"**.

In July 1957, 241 Chinese Catholics from all parts of China, including laity, priests, and bishops, convened a meeting in Beijing with officials from the CCP and the Religious Affairs Bureau. They approved the creation of the CCPA with Archbishop Ignatius Pi Shushi of Shenyang elected as president. By early 1958, the first Catholic bishops were illicitly appointed without reference to Rome or the Pope. In June 1958, Pope Pius XII refused to recognize any consecrations performed without prior Vatican approval. The question of consecrating bishops would be a major sticking point in Sino-Vatican relations ever since. This became the schismatic so-called Chinese Patriotic Church no longer Catholic.

With the rise of the Anti-Rightist Campaign and the Cultural Revolution, all public religious activities came to an end and organizations like the Chinese Patriotic Church (CCPA) were shut down. However, reforms enabled a restoration of religions in the 1980s, the CCPA once again became the official state-sanctioned organization for Catholicism in China. **A sizable population of Chinese Catholics remain as part of the so-called "underground church", seen as "Vatican loyalists", and who boycott masses said by CCPA priests.**

In 1978, Pope Paul VI offered a special faculty for bishops in the underground church to appoint new bishops. The last Vatican-approved bishops occurred in the 1950s, three decades earlier. Peter Joseph Fan Xueyan, the Bishop of Baoding, in 1981 made use of this special faculty and consecrated three bishops without any prior approval from the Holy See. Pope John Paul retrospectively gave approval and gave further authority to Fan to consecrate more bishops without prior consent. However, given the dire situation of the Catholic Church in China, Pope John Paul II gave permission to five bishops belonging to the underground church and four bishops connected to the CCPA, all of whom were consecrated bishop between 1949 and 1955, the authority to appoint new bishops without prior approval. **It was precisely in that period that bishops ordained according to CCPA rules began to request and obtain recognition from the Holy See.**

Fast forward to today there was this headline on the blog of Sandro Magister, a Vatican commentator: *China's First Slap at Pope Leo. Who Suffers in Silence*. While the Church was without a Pope, after the death of Pope Francis, in Shanghai an assembly of priests, nuns, and lay people **under government obedience** had been convened to ratify the selection of a new auxiliary bishop in the person of Ignatius Wu Jianlin, former vicar general of the diocese and a member of the arch-official Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. It is true that according to the agreement between the Holy See and Beijing signed in 2018 under Pope Francis the Chinese authorities have the first choice of each new bishop, which the pope can approve or not but in fact has so far always endorsed.

A second slap also had its genesis in the interregnum between the death of Pope Francis and the election of Leo, when, at the end of April, news leaked that the Chinese authorities had got assemblies under their command to "elect" two bishops for two important positions. At this Pope Leo seems to be putting up with these "slaps" of the Chinese communist government seeking to maintain a puppet Church in China under the thumb of the communist regime, which continues at least for now the disastrous policy and diplomacy under former Pope Francis guided by Cardinal Parolin.

How many slaps before a wake-up to reality? There was a book years ago called *You Can Trust the Communists...To Be Communists*. The Vatican has ignored this, thinking their good intentions will meet with good will on the part of the communists, who only interpret this as weakness and surrender. Cardinal Zen predicted these slaps in reaction to the China policy under Pope Francis and Cardinal Parolin. Cardinal Zen is the emeritus Bishop of Hong Kong. What follows is from: <https://www.ncregister.com/news/cardinal-zen-the-vatican-is-badly-mishandling-china-situation>

The recent agreement between the Vatican and China is a step toward the "annihilation" of the Catholic Church in China, Cardinal Joseph Zen, former bishop of Hong Kong, wrote in an op-ed published in the New York Times. But Cardinal Zen's op-ed said the distinction between the underground Church and the CCPA has not been eradicated. He said those who attend the "underground" Church worship in secret and are subject to persecution from the government if they are discovered. Cardinal Zen said he does not think that he properly understands how Communist China works. In Pope Francis' home country of Argentina, the communists worked to defend the poor against government oppression, often alongside Jesuits, he said. This could be why the Pope "may have a natural sympathy for communists," as he views them to be persecuted.

It is far different, said Cardinal Zen, in places where communists are the ruling party — like China. When they acquire power, the communists become the persecutors themselves, he said. While Pope Francis could still "veto" the nomination of a state-approved bishop, "how many times can he do that, really?" "What good is having the last word when China will have all the words before it?" he asked. He also expressed doubt that the approximately 30 bishops of the underground Church will still be permitted to function as bishops if the two churches are reconciled.

Cardinal Alfredo Ottaviani's warning still comes to mind about placing diplomacy in the Church superior to the reality of the Catholic Faith and the welfare of the Church. Cardinal Ottaviani was the former Pro-Prefect of the Holy Office. He noted that the reason the Holy Office, now the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, was Supreme was that it assisted the Pope to teach revealed doctrine and its correct interpretation. By making the Secretariat of State greater in importance, he feared that what would prevail will be diplomacy and compromise and he predicted that this would cause great harm to the Church. It has and the harm continues. He also predicted the Church would reverse course. Please God this will be something Pope Leo will bring about.



Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Julia Winterroth as requested by Harry Winterroth

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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. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Thursday is The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God. Watch: Beloved; Footprints of God- *Jesus, The Word Became Flesh*; Formed Now!; *The Holy Family*; *Joseph of Nazareth*; or *Mary of Nazareth*. Listen to: *Marriage and Family, Three to Get Married, Counting Your Blessings, or Love Conquers All.*

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, January 24th from 9:30am - 11:00am

Become a member of the



The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people all over the world, in which Catholic men, women and youth sanctify themselves through prayer and apostolic work in union with Our Lady under the guidance of a priest. For more information, please contact Kathy Scott 347-835-9259, Jackie Barton (914) 965-9333 or attend a meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30pm in St. Paul's School.

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New Weekly Program Beginning January 7th & 8th – Foundations of Faith- A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church presented by Fr. Morrow on Wed. at 7:30PM or Thurs. at 10AM (same presentation). For questions call 914-965-9333.

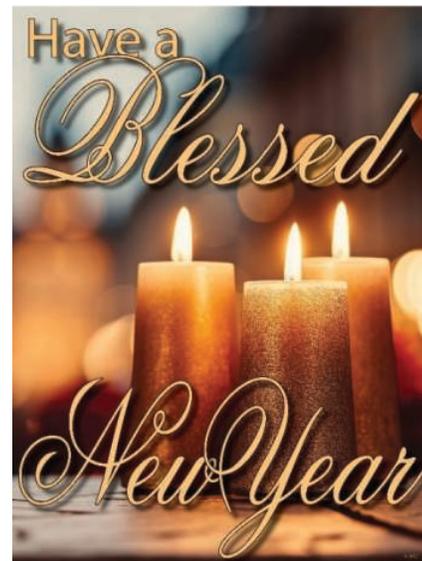
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March for Life – Bus Pilgrimage: Friday, Jan. 23, 2026 | 5:00 AM - 10:00 PM - *Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.* -Join the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York and the Sisters of Life in advocating for the sacred dignity of every human 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.



NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

9:00AM 10:45AM 12:00PM (TLM)



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