

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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Religious Education Office

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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

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“...They were overjoyed at seeing the star & on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves & did him homage.

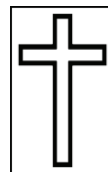
Then they opened their treasures & offered him gifts...”

Epiphany of Our Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 4, 2026



MASS Intentions

Saturday Jan. 3, 2026

5:00 John & Carol O'Neill (living)

Sunday Jan. 4, 2026

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

Monday Jan. 5, 2026

9:00 Gjeralin & Aleksander Gjonoca (living)

12:00 Fr. Anthony Odunze (living) E. Slattery

Tuesday Jan. 6, 2026

9:00 John Kennedy Frank Brady

Wednesday Jan. 7, 2026

9:00 Frank Davitt Frank Brady

12:00 Frank Bivona Smyth family

Thursday Jan. 8, 2026

9:00 Rosaleen Tallon DaRos Mary Beirne

12:00 Joyce Ellen Barrett Eileen Slattery

Friday Jan. 9, 2026

9:00 Ann Joyce Eileen Nicholson

Saturday Jan. 10, 2026

9:00 William Martin

12:00 Theresa Izzo

5:00 Gennaro Cardone (Anniversary) Family

Sunday Jan. 11, 2026

7:45 Gabriella O'Neill (living) John/Carol O'Neill

9:15 Michael J. O'Hara (living) Margaret Houlihan

10:45 Franco DiBello M/M Sestino Imbrogno

12:15 For the People of the Parish

1:30 Angela & Linda DeVito (living)

Pray FOR THE SICK

Richard Lyons, Grace Lyons, Joseph Molack, Antone Flores, Victor Fierro, Timothy O'Connor, Valentina Rakaj, Maureen Pastor, Pete Coppia, Rosemary Libre, Steven Guzzardi, 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, Noemi Asuncion Bernardez & Patrizia DeGiovanni



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

LECTORS:

Jan. 3rd 5:00 D. Estrosas

Jan. 4th 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 A. Canale
10:45 A. Urgola 12:15 F. Brady

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.

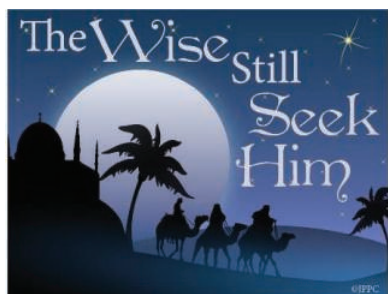
STEWARDSHIP: Week of December 21, 2025

Total Collection \$7,702

STEWARDSHIP: Week of December 28, 2025

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Are We Friends of Jesus Christ?

*Stir up that fire of faith. Christ is not a figure that has passed. He is not a memory that is lost in history.
He lives! The Way #584*

*Christ the center of our lives, there can be no compromises
Blessed Rupert Mayer S.J.*

–Friends of Jesus Christ

“I no longer call you servants, but friends” (Jn 15:15). *We Christians are the friends of Christ*, chosen by Him (15:16). The entire Christian life must be understood as **a friendship with Jesus Christ**, with all that this implies free choice, personal knowledge, mutual love, an intimate and constant relationship, collaboration, inseparable union, and the desire to please and not offend one another. This is the friendship that enables us to live in Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit, as children of the Father.

Saint Teresa of Avila taught with great passion that personal **friendship with Jesus Christ is the principal path of Christian spirituality**. In her time, some *pseudo-mystics* proposed a Zen-style prayer, believing that “turning away from the body”—from the humanity of Christ! —was an indispensable condition for reaching full contemplation and union with the Triune God.

The Saint argues forcefully against this notion that “the **most sacred Humanity of Christ must not be taken into account**” (Life 22,8). **Jesus already said: “No one comes to the Father except through me”** (Jn 14:6). “That we should deliberately and purposefully become accustomed to not striving with all our might to always bring before us—and would it please the Lord that it were always so—this most sacred Humanity, I say that this does not seem right to me, and that it is like the soul wandering aimlessly, because it seems to have no support, however much it may seem to be filled with God. ***It is a great thing, while we live, and we are human, to bring Him what is human***” (22,9).

“With *such a good friend present*, with such a good captain who was first in suffering, everything can be endured. He is a help and gives strength, he never fails, he is a true friend. And I see clearly that, to please God and for Him to grant us great graces, He wants it to be through the hands of this most sacred Humanity, in whom His Majesty said He delights. Very, very many times I have seen it from experience; **the Lord has told me** so; I have seen clearly that we *must enter through this door* if we want the sovereign Majesty to show us great secrets. So, Lord, do not desire any other path, even if you are at the summit of contemplation; this is the safe way. This Lord of ours is the one through whom all good things come to us” (Life 22,6-7).

– The Sacred Heart

In this same vein, the Church teaches us that devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus “is considered, in practice, as the most complete profession of the Christian religion” (Pius XII’s encyclical *You Will Draw Waters* 1956, 29).

Moreover, Jesus Christ has so often been hated, slandered, despised, or forgotten that, as Pius XI says, “the spirit of expiation and reparation” rightly has “the primacy and the most important part in devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus” (encyclical *The Most Merciful Redeemer* 1928, 9).

Paul VI also declared the excellence of this worship and devotion, relating them profoundly to the mystery of the Eucharist (Apostolic Letter *the Discoverable Riches of Christ*, February 6, 1965). And this has undoubtedly always been the spirituality of the saints: **to know and love Jesus Christ**. “This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent” (John 17:3).

–Characteristics of friendship with Christ

We call ourselves friends of someone when we know them personally, when we have dealings with them, intimate dealings, we help and collaborate with them, we do not offend them, we love them and remember them, and in them we find comfort and joy.

– **To know Him** personally, not just by hearsay – And for this, prayer, meditation, sacraments, the Word of God, seeing Him in our neighbors, the poor, etc. The most important thing in the Gospels! That is why they were written (Jn 20:30-31).

– **To love him, to cherish him, to remember him, to “keep him in constant remembrance”** (St. Hippolytus, +236, *Apostolic Tradition*), and to *strive to make others love him as well*. Apostolic action springs from a deep friendship with Christ.

– **Regular interaction**, not just occasional visits or only in times of distress and need. Generosity and consistency are hallmarks of true friendship. Friends try to be together whenever possible: they are inseparable. It is prayer, continuous prayer, that gives strength for the apostolate.

– Friendly **intimacy**. Coexistence. Officials, colleagues, etc., sometimes have this too. But no: real, authentic friendship implies friendly intimacy, ease of consultation, requests, venting, and commentary.

– **To serve our friend, to collaborate** in his endeavors. In friendship with Christ, to glorify the Father and save humankind. God has chosen, called, and consecrated us as “companions and co-workers” (Mk 3:14). To live with him and for him.

– **Do not offend** or displease him in any way. Try not to *offend him*, suffer for those who offend him: “streams of tears flow from my eyes for those who do not do your will” (Psalm 118:136).

– **Comfort**. The friend of Christ also seeks comfort *and joy* in Him, and only secondarily in creatures. In principle, let us strive to seek **all** light and comfort in Christ Himself. **-End Father José María Iraburu**

God “has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things are held together. He is also the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, making peace through his blood, shed on the cross” (Colossians 1:13-20).

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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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 Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord. Watch *The Story of the Nativity*; Formed Now! *The Magi*; Ready Reasons: *Were the Magi at Jesus' Birth?* Or for the children *Brother Francis: O Holy Night*. Listen to: *God Made Man*, or *The Story of Christmas*.

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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MARCH FOR LIFE

With Every Woman, For Every Child.
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.

Revival, A Grieving Mother's Retreat - March 27-29, 2026 - National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, Stony Point, NY. *Revival, A Grieving Mother's Retreat* is an overnight weekend retreat that will be hosted by Red Bird Ministries for mothers grieving the loss of a child through miscarriage and stillbirth, or as an infant. This retreat offers space for prayer, connection, emotional healing, and spiritual renewal alongside other mothers who understand this type of sorrow. For more information and to register, visit: www.bit.ly/nyrevivalretreat.

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