

St. Paul the Apostle Parish



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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

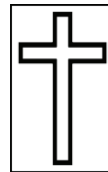
Pregnancy Hot Line

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 11, 2026



MASS Intentions

Saturday Jan. 10, 2026

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)

Monday Jan. 12, 2026

9:00 Sarah Haack Mary Beirne

12:00 Nilda Lebron Hilda

Tuesday Jan. 13, 2026

9:00 Florence, Martin & Robert O'Neill

Wednesday Jan. 14, 2026

9:00 Briget Kinnevay Eileen Nicholson

12:00 Joan Murphy (living-her intentions)

Thursday Jan. 15, 2026

9:00 Margaret Lynn Margaret Corrigan

12:00 Marie O'Keeffe Kathleen Walsh

Friday Jan. 16, 2026

9:00 For Holy Souls Jacob family

Saturday Jan. 17, 2026

9:00 Benito Go Jose Lito Anselmo

12:00 P.J. Shaw

5:00 Pietro DiMatteo (6th Anniversary) Family

Sunday Jan. 18, 2026

7:45 Eileen Lynch Kieran/Brid O'Sullivan

9:15 Gioconda, John & Maria Abbatiello

10:45 For the People of the Parish

12:15 Louis "Gino" Mistrulli Smyth family

1:30 St. Paul the Apostle Purgatorial Society



Pray FOR THE SICK

Richard Lyons, Grace Lyons, Joseph Molack, Antone Flores, Victor Fierro, Timothy O'Connor, Valentina Rakaj, Maureen Pastor, Pete Coppa, 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, Virginia Fahy, Richard LeBlanc, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Jan. 10th 5:00 D. Douglas

Jan. 11th 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 J. Barton

10:45 K. Snyder 12:15 V. Rahiman

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP: Week of December 28, 2025

Total Collection \$6,816

Christmas Collection \$16,800

STEWARDSHIP: Week of January 4, 2026

1st Collection \$4,514

2nd Collection \$1,085

Shrines \$159

Solemnity of Mary \$2,414

On line giving \$1,850

Total \$10,022

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An Archbishop for All Seasons: St Thomas Becket



I give my life / For the Law of God above the Law of Man

Murder in the Cathedral by T.S. Eliott

We just celebrated the remembrance of St. Thomas Becket this past December 29th. His witness reminds us that every Christian is obliged to lay down his life rather than deny any of the articles of our holy Faith: it was the debt we contracted with Jesus Christ when He adopted us in Baptism and received Confirmation as His Brethren and soldiers. All are not called to the honor of Martyrdom, that is, all are not required to bear that testimony to the Truth which consists in shedding one's blood for it: but all must so love their Faith as to be ready to die rather than deny it, under pain of incurring the eternal death from which the grace of Our Redeemer has already delivered us. **The same obligation weighs still more heavily on the Pastors of the Church.** It is the pledge of their oath at ordination.

Hence, we find in almost every page of the History of the Church the glorious names of saintly Bishops, who laid down their lives for the Faith they had delivered to their people. It was the last and dearest pledge they could give of their devotedness to the Vineyard entrusted to them, in which they had spent years of care and toil. The blood of their Martyrdom was more than a fertilizing element – it was a guarantee, the highest that man can give, that the seed they had sown in the hearts of men was in very truth the revealed Word of God.

But beyond the debt, which every Christian has, of shedding his blood rather than denying his Faith – that is, of allowing no threats or dangers to make him disown the sacred ties which unite him to the Church, and through Her to Jesus Christ – beyond this, **Pastors have another debt to pay, which is that of defending the liberty of the Church.** To kings, rulers, diplomats and politicians in general, there are few expressions so unwelcome as this – the Liberty of the Church; with them it means a sort of conspiracy. The world talks of it as being an unfortunate scandal, originating in priestly ambition. Timid temporizing Catholics regret that it can elicit anyone's zeal and will endeavor to persuade us that we have no need to fear anything, so long as our Faith is not attacked.

Notwithstanding all this, the Church has put upon our altars the glorious St. Thomas Becket, who was slain in his Cathedral in the twelfth century because he resisted a King's infringements on the extrinsic rights of the Church. She sanctions the noble maxim of St. Anselm, one of St. Thomas' predecessors in the See of Canterbury: **Nothing does God love so much in this world as the Liberty of His Church; and the Apostolic See declares by the mouth of Pope Pius VIII, in the nineteenth century, the very same doctrine She would have taught by Pope St. Gregory VII, in the eleventh century: The Church, the spotless Spouse of Jesus Christ the Immaculate Lamb, is by God's appointment FREE, and subject to no earthly power** (*Lit. Apost. ad Epis. Prov. Rhenanae, 30 Jun. 1830*).

But what does this sacred Liberty consist of? It consists in the Church's absolute independence of every secular power: in the ministry of the Word of God, which She is bound to preach in season and out of season, as St. Paul says, to all mankind, without distinction of nation or race or age or sex; in the administration of the Sacraments, to which She must invite all without exception, to advance the world's salvation; in the practice, free from all human control of the Gospel teachings; in the unobstructed intercommunication of the several degrees of Her churchmen in the publication and application of Her decrees and ordinances in matters of discipline; in the maintenance and development of the Institutions She has founded; and lastly in the defense of those privileges which have been adjudged to Her by the civil authority itself, in order that Her ministry of peace and charity might be unembarrassed and respected.

St. Thomas was born in England, in the city of London. He succeeded Theobald as Bishop of Canterbury. He had previously acquitted himself with much honor as Chancellor, and was strenuous and unflinching in his duty as Bishop; for when Henry II, King of England, in an assembly of the Bishops and nobles of the realm, passed certain laws inconsistent with the interests and the honor of the Church, the Bishop withstood the King's avarice so courageously that neither fair promises nor threats could draw him over to the King's side, and being in danger of imprisonment, he privately withdrew. Not long after, all his relatives young and old, all his friends and household, were banished, and such of them as had attained the age of discretion had to promise on oath that they would go to St. Thomas, as perhaps he, who could not be made to swerve from his holy purpose by any personal consideration, might relent at the heart-rending spectacle of the sufferings of them who were dear to him. But he regarded not the demands of flesh and blood, neither did he permit the feelings of natural affection to weaken the firmness required of him as Bishop.

He therefore appealed to Pope Alexander III, from whom he met with a kind reception, and who commended him on his departure to the Cistercian Monks of Pontigny. As soon as Henry came to know this, he strove to have St. Thomas expelled from Pontigny, and for this purpose sent threatening letters to the General Chapter of Cîteaux. Whereupon the holy man, fearing lest the Cistercian Order should be made to suffer on his account, left the monastery of his own accord, and betook himself to the hospitable shelter to which he had been invited by Louis, King of France. There he remained until, by the intervention of the Pope and King Louis, he was called home from his banishment to the joy of the whole kingdom. Whilst resuming the intrepid discharge of the duty of a good shepherd, certain calumniators denounced him to King Henry as one that was plotting sundry things against the country and the public peace. And so, the King was heard frequently complaining that there was only one Priest in his kingdom with whom he could not be in peace. In Jean Anouilh's 1959 play *Becket*, Henry says, "Will no one rid me of him? A priest! A priest who jeers at me and does me injury." In the 1964 film *Becket*, which was based on the Anouilh play, Henry says, "Will no one rid me of this meddlesome priest?"

Certain wicked satellites concluded from this expression of the King that he would be pleased at their ridding him of St. Thomas. Accordingly, they stealthily entered Canterbury, and finding the bishop was in the church officiating at Vespers (Evening Prayer), they began their attack. The clergy were using means to prevent them from entering the church, when the Saint forbade their opposition, and opening the door, thus spoke to them: The church is not to be guarded like a citadel, and I am glad to die for God's Church. Then turning to the soldiers, he said: I command you in the name of God that you hurt not any of them that are with me. After this he knelt down, and commending his church and himself to God, to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to St. Dionysius, and to the other Patron Saints of his Cathedral, with the same courage that he had shown in resisting the King's execrable laws, he bowed down his head to the impious murderers, on December 29, in the year of Our Lord 1171. He was killed at the altar. God having shown the holiness of his servant by many miracles, he was canonized by the same Pope, Alexander III.

When we meet in the annals of the Church with the names of those great Bishops who have been the glory of the Christian Pontificate, we are at once sure that these men, the true images of the great High Priest Jesus Our Lord, did not intrude themselves uncalled into the dread honors of the Sanctuary. The history of their lives shows us that they were called by God Himself, as Aaron was; and when we come to examine how it was that they were so great, **we soon find that the source of their greatness was their humility**, which led them to refuse the honorable burden that others would put upon them. God assisted them in the day of trouble and trial, because their exaltation to the episcopacy had been his own work.

Thus, was it with St. Thomas, who sat on his episcopal throne of Canterbury, the dignified and courageous Primate. He began by declining the high honor that was offered him. He boldly told the King, as St. Gregory VII, before ascending the Papal Throne, told the emperor who fain would see him Pope, that if forced to accept the proffered dignity, he was determined to oppose abuses. He thought by this to frighten men from putting him into the honors and responsibilities of the pastoral charge, and hoped that they would no longer wish him to be a Bishop, when they suspected that he would be a true one: but the decree of God had gone forth, and St. Thomas, called by God, was obliged to bow down his head and receive the holy anointing. And what a Bishop he was, who began by humility and the determination to sacrifice his very life in the discharge of his duty!

New Weekly Program January 14th & 15th – 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 we celebrate the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord. Study: *Reborn*, or Wild Goose, Segment 10: *The Spirit and the Desert*. Watch Formed Now! *The Baptism of the Lord*, or Ready Reasons: *Is Baptism Necessary for Salvation?*. Listen to: *Changed Forever* or *Our Beautiful End*.

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

Saturday Movie Matinee – *The Triumph of the Heart*. Sponsored by the Legion of Mary on Saturday, January 24th at 1PM.

The Society of the Patricians invites you to share your thoughts on the following topic: The Hidden Symbolism of the Nativity Story. Please join us on: Thursday, January 22nd at 7:00pm, St. Paul the Apostle School Cafeteria (entrance in the parking lot of the church –refreshments to be served)

The Matthew Wallace Foundation hosts Matt's Grab & Go with essential items, Wed., Jan. 14th, 11:30am at Kerry Hall, 305 McLean Avenue. You must be a Westchester Resident with a valid US government issued ID.

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St. Paul the Apostle Charismatic Prayer Group - Celebrating 50 Years of Faith and Fellowship

Join us on our journey to the heart of God, as we celebrate an incredible milestone this year.... Every Tuesday - 8:00 PM – St. Paul's School Cafeteria, 77 Lee Avenue, (entrance through parking lot on Lee Ave, off Mclean Ave) Experience an uplifting evening of prayer, fellowship, and inspiration as we grow together in our faith. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and strengthen your relationship with God. We look forward to welcoming you! Inquiries, call (914) 318-8787 "Were not our hearts burning within us as He spoke with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us." – Luke 24:32



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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.

The Serra Club of the Bronx and Westchester will be holding its monthly luncheon meeting on January 28th, 12 noon at the Eastwood Manor, 3371 Eastchester Road, Bronx, NY 10469. Our guest speaker is Father Paul Kucharski from Church of St. Joseph in Bronxville. Five course luncheon will be served @\$45 per person. Please call Carl Lanzano at (718) 325-6706 no later than January 20th if you plan to attend.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will meet on Thurs, Jan 15th, 12:30pm, St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall. Info: 914.423.5331. New members are always welcome.



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