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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
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Parish Meetings

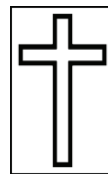
Monday	6:45 PM St. Paul's Folk Dance
Tuesday	7:30 Legion of Mary
Tuesday	8:00 PM Prayer Group
2nd Tuesday	8:00 PM Men's Group
Wednesday	7:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting
Thursday	7:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting
Thursday	7:00 PM Al-Anon
1st Friday	9:30-11:00 Adoration
Friday	7:30 PM Boy Scouts
Saturday	9:30 AM Religious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

Pregnancy Hot Line

Tel: 800-640-0767



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 1, 2026



MASS Intentions

Saturday Jan. 31, 2026

5:00 Stephen Barry Joanne/Robert O'Leary

Sunday Feb. 1, 2026

7:45 Eileen Lynch Sean & Teresa Smyth

9:15 Russell Kohl (Anniversary) Family

10:45 For the People of the Parish

12:15 Giovanna Santorelli M/M S. Imbrogno

1:30 Vincent DiPippo

Monday Feb. 2, 2026

9:00 Mary McCann & family (living)

12:00 For Holy Souls

Tuesday Feb. 3, 2026

9:00 For Holy Souls Jacob family

Wednesday Feb. 4, 2026

9:00 Carmella & Antonio Scopino Friend

12:00 Cait & Peter Joyce & family (living)

Thursday Feb. 5, 2026

9:00 Giovanna Santonelli Joe & Angi

12:00

Friday Feb. 6, 2026

9:00 Patricia Farrell & family (living)

Saturday Feb. 7, 2026

9:00 Tim & Elizabeth McGrath

12:00 For Intentions of Sr. Therese Marie (living)

5:00 Denis Moran (living) M/M Robert O'Leary

Sunday Feb. 8, 2026

7:45 For the People of the Parish

9:15 Armando & Maria Luisa DeLuccia Pia

10:45 Alice Foley Evelyn

12:15 Mary Feerick Della Flynn

1:30 Paul Pleho & family (living) Alicia Boland

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, Bridgid 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, Virginia Fahy, Roger Monroid, Richard LeBlanc, Timothy Michael Carney, Msgr. Jerry Rebanal, Patricia Fleming, Fr. James Borstelman, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Jan. 31st 5:00 D. Estrosas

Feb. 1st 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 A. Canale
10:45 A. Urgola 12:15 V. Rahiman

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP: Week of January 25, 2026

1 st Collection	\$2,104
2 nd Collection	\$713
On line giving	\$1,600
Total	\$4,417

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!

HAPPY
GROUNDHOG DAY
FEBRUARY 2ND



1926-2026. The martyrdom of Mexico and the persecution of Christians one hundred years after the Cristiada



Fr. Francisco Vera, elderly priest, shot in Jalisco for celebrating Holy Mass 1927

An important centenary and a persecution that continues. The film *For Greater Glory* with Andy Garcia is a film about the persecution to destroy the Church and the Cristeros resistance.

by Marco Invernizzi

One hundred years ago in Mexico, the Cristeros – characterized by their cry of Viva Cristo Rey “Long Live Christ the King” – revolted against the government that had ferociously persecuted the Church and forced the Mexican episcopate to take a dramatic and exceptional measure, the suspension of public worship, an event that effectively triggered the *Cristiada*. The armed revolt of Mexican Catholics in the face of state persecution aroused much enthusiasm but also doubts, uncertainties, fears, and perhaps betrayals, both in the Mexican Church and in the Holy See, which followed the event with great trepidation and its diplomatic efforts. Pope Pius XI dedicated three encyclicals to the affair.

The *Cristero* revolt also produced many martyrs, most of whom are likely still unknown. It is hoped that, after the silence that has fallen on the matter for several decades, this centenary can provide an opportunity for a proper reflection, both profound and passionate, to the extent possible. There is, however, one figure I would certainly like to remember: the child martyr and standard-bearer of the *Cristero* army, José Sánchez del Río (1913-1928), tortured and murdered by the Mexican federal army after being captured, and finally canonized by Pope Francis ten years ago, on October 16, 2016. I recommend reading the splendid book about him by Don Luis Laureán Cervantes, *A Little Witness to Christ the King. San José Sánchez del Río, Martire Cristero*, edited by Oscar Sanguinetti, D'Ettoris 2017.

However, the purpose of this installment of my Weekly... is... to remember, also in the wake of the splendid words of the Holy Father Leo XIV to the Diplomatic Corps (9 January), that one hundred years after the violent persecution of the Mexican State against the Church, which pushed, if not forced, armed reaction, the persecution of Christians continues, indeed it has increased and spread, if we look at the numbers. In fact, today there is no longer only the ideological persecution of the 20th century (communism, National Socialism, and secularism), but to these ideologies has been added the persecution by radical Islamism, after the Shiite revolution in Iran in 1979, which subsequently spread to the Sunni world as well, and, in general, by forms of authoritarian and fundamentalist nationalism, which persecute or in any case discriminate against religions other than their own.

Leo XIV was right to point out that the Church defends the religious freedom of every individual and community as a human right, specific to every religious belief, which the State must simply recognize as inscribed in natural law. And yet, Christians remain the most affected. If you want numbers, visit the website of the pontifical foundation Aid to the Church in Need, or read Giulio Meotti's article, which notes that in the last year, thirteen Christians have been killed every day, one every two hours, for a total of 4,849 in 2025 (*Il Foglio*, January 14). The previous year, "only" 4,476 had been killed. The Pope recalled that today, one in seven Christians is severely persecuted or discriminated against, and this often happens even in the West, where persecution is not physical and violent, but cultural and sometimes administrative, but no less dangerous. But what is even more worrying is our silence.

The Pope speaks, but Christian communities do not respond. His words are not taken up and reiterated by local Churches, in pastoral documents, or in homilies in general, as if they were of interest to another religion (and this too would be wrong). But it would be a mistake to blame only the community leaders: each of us, if we examined our consciences, would realize that we dedicate very little space and time in our ordinary days to religious persecution, and especially to that of our brothers and sisters in the faith.

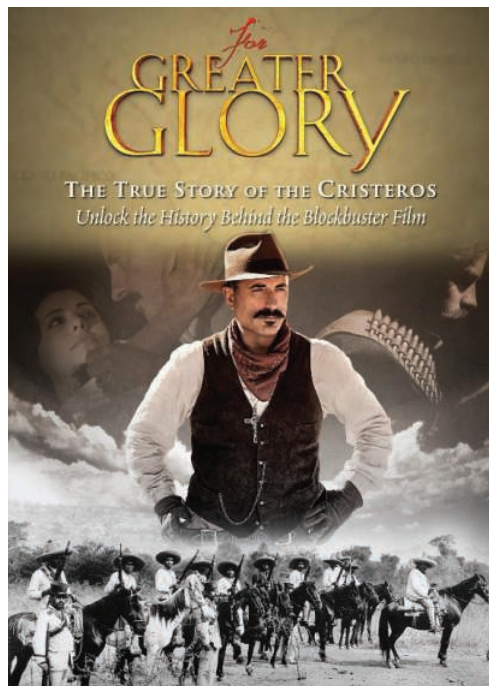


St. Jose Sanchez del Rio gave his life for Christ the King shortly after his confirmation, February 10, 1928

St. Cristobal Magallanes, Mexican Catholic priest and martyr, killed without trial on the way to say Mass during the Cristero War. He had faced trumped-up charges of inciting rebellion.



Blessed Miguel Pro S.J. facing a firing squad, without trial, for working clandestinely as a priest in Mexico in 1927





St. Patrick/St. Joseph Day Dance will be held on March 14th. More info. to follow

Foundations of Faith - February 4th & 5th — 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.

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. Tomorrow is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Watch: *Mary of Nazareth, Candelmas/Catholic All Year*, or Bible Stories on the Mysteries of the Rosary: *The Presentation*. Listen to: *Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God*, or *The Virgin Mary Revealed Through Scripture*.

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, February 28th from 9:30am - 11:00am

A Night of Healing & Hope - Friday, February 6th, from 7:00 - 10:00 pm at St. Augustine's Parish in Ossining. The evening will include Eucharist Adoration, Worship, & Prayers for Healing featuring Fr. Vincent Druding from Holy Cross Catholic Church in the Bronx.

Tax statements for your church contributions are available, at your request, at the rectory. Please call the rectory weekdays before noon or preferably email your request to stpaulyonkers@gmail.com and a statement will be mailed to you.

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. Experience an uplifting evening of prayer, fellowship, and inspiration as we grow together in our faith. 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

St. Joseph's Seminary and College in Yonkers will be hosting an evening lecture entitled, "Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Nature of Human Knowing" Speaker: Dr. Kevin Birth, Professor of Anthropology at Queens College, CUNY. Thursday, March 26th, 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's Seminary Prayer Hall and online via Zoom. Tickets: \$25 (plus fees) For more Information and registration: SJSSpringAcademicLecture2026AI.eventbrite.com or St Joseph's Seminary Academic Office - sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu or 914-968-6200 x8145

The Matthew Wallace Foundation hosts Matt's Grab-n-Go with essential items, Wed., Feb. 11th, 11:30am, at Kerry Hall, 305 McLean Avenue. Must be a Westchester resident with a valid ID.



the **CARDINAL'S**
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

We are "kicking-off" this year's *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. As a pillar to the resources funding the ministries and programs that change lives and impact countless New Yorkers, we are being asked, as Catholics of the Archdiocese of New York, to join together in participating in this year's *Appeal*. This year, our parish is asked to raise \$50,000 of the \$21M goal for the *Appeal*. {Last year, thanks to 100 participants we were able to reach 110% of our goal.} Please know that if all of us here today participate we will easily reach our goal this year.



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