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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 prepartion 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

MASS Intentions

Saturday **Feb. 21, 2026**
5:00 Daniel Gaughan daughter
Sunday **Feb. 22, 2026**
7:45 For the People of the Parish
9:15 Catherine Coleman Smyth family
10:45 For intentions of Eileen Nicolson (living)
12:15 Jack Mohan (Bday memorial) cousin
2:30 For intentions of Alicia Boland (living)
Monday **Feb. 23, 2026**
9:00 George J. Abraham Abraham family
12:00 Linda Szabo Laura Winterroth
Tuesday **Feb. 24, 2026**
9:00 Catherine Coleman Mary Beirne
Wednesday **Feb. 25, 2026**
9:00 Deborah Alvarado Margaret Keane
12:00 Giovanni Locorotondo
Thursday **Feb. 26, 2026**
9:00 Donnacha Moran (living) M/M R. O'Leary
12:00 Carol & Caroline Syversen (living)
Friday **Feb. 27, 2026**
9:00 Patrick Reynolds Josephine Reynolds
Saturday **Feb. 28, 2026**
9:00 Elizabeth Cardone (Anniversary) Family
12:00 Mary Freyne Maureen O'Connor
5:00 Alice "Lecia" Smyth Smyth family
Sunday **Mar. 1, 2026**
7:45 Kay McKiernan (living) Avril Hanley
9:15 Peggy & Tommy Begley (living) J. O'Leary
10:45 For the People of the Parish
12:15 Ada Ayalla Negma Sulaiman
1:30 Vito Locorotondo

Pray FOR THE SICK

Richard Lyons, Grace Lyons, Joseph Molack, Antone Flores, Victor Fierro, Timothy O'Connor, Valentina Rakaj, Pete Coppa, Rosemary Libre, 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, Ann Zillitto & Patrizia DeGiovanni

Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Msgr. Jerry Rebanal, Patricia Fleming, Fr. James Borstelman, Joann Rosiello, Msgr. Francis Gorman and those who mourn them.

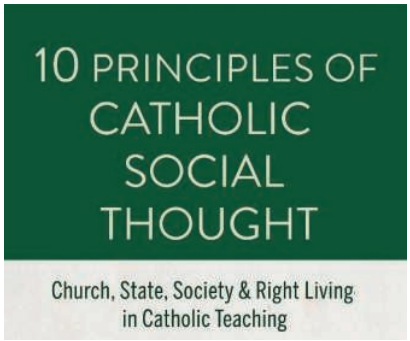
LECTORS:
Feb. 21st 5:00 D. Douglas
Feb. 22nd 7:45 S. Abraham 9:15 J. Barton
10:45 K. Snyder 12:15 V. Rahiman

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP: Week of February 15, 2026

1st Collection	$4,783
2nd Collection	$798
Shrines	$198
On line giving	$1,500
Total	$7,279

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!*



Communism, Socialism, Statist Ideologies Incompatible with the Catholic Faith

What should be said immediately is the following: ***As the Church of God is by no means directly advocating any particular economic and social systems, but seeks "to construct modern civilization in accordance with standards of humanity and evangelical doctrine****," a spiritual struggle against atheistic communism, … must be carried out so that the Christian faithful might be strengthened, and more apt ways might be offered for the effective carrying out of apostolic activity, especially among laborers.* Proposed Teaching on Communism for Vatican II, February 1962 (emphasis added)

The problem with communism, doctrinaire socialism, fascism is an all-powerful state which controls everything including seeking to absorb the nuclear family, father, mother, children going against the rights of parents provided by the natural law and taught by the Church. Pope Pius XI taught communism is by its very nature perverse and the following about socialism: "[Socialism] is based nevertheless on a theory of human society peculiar to itself and irreconcilable with true Christianity. Religious socialism, Christian socialism, are contradictory terms; no one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true socialist."

Other popes have echoed this. For example, Pope John Paul II reminded the Church *Socialism considers the individual person simply as an element, a molecule within the social organism, so that the good of the individual is completely subordinated to the functioning of the socio-economic mechanism.* Pope Benedict XVI taught: **"We do not need a State which regulates and controls everything"**

The State which would provide everything, absorbing everything into itself, would ultimately become a mere bureaucracy incapable of guaranteeing the very thing which the suffering person − every person − needs: namely, loving personal concern. …In the end, the claim that just social structures would make works of charity superfluous masks a materialist conception of man: the mistaken notion that man can live 'by bread alone' (Mt 4:4; cf. Dt 8:3) − a conviction that demeans man and ultimately disregards all that is specifically human."(Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, December 25, 2005, n. 28)

NOTE: Subsidiarity is a cardinal principle of Catholic social teaching **that one should not withdraw from individuals and commit to the community what they can accomplish by their own enterprise and industry.** A major problem is materialism, which teaches that the governing forces of human history are material and not spiritual, and that through conflict man will eventually arrive at the final goal: a perfect society in the future based completely on material things. This is completely at odds with Christianity.

Key Thematic Points from Pope Pius XI about communism:

- **"Intrinsically Evil"**: Pope Pius XI declared that no one who wishes to save Christian civilization can assist communism in any project.
- **Failed Utopia**: The encyclical analyzes **how communism falsely promises a paradise on earth** by destroying the foundations of Christian civilization.
- **Role of the Press**: The Church calls for a proactive Catholic media to spread the true social doctrine and inform the faithful of the tactics of the "enemy".

- **Atheism as a Foundation: The Church's primary objection is that communism is built on a denial of God, which ultimately leads to a denial of human rights.**

- **Destruction of the Family:** The encyclical warns that communism seeks to "thrust" women into public production, stripping them from the home and **giving the state exclusive rights to educate children**.

- **Spiritual Defense:** Pius XI advocates for the use of the Catholic media and social doctrine to illuminate minds and resist "insidious deceits".

Pope Pius XI opposed other "pagan" ideologies each tailored to a specific regime:

- **Against Fascism (Italy) *Non Abbiamo Bisogno*:** Key points:

- **Protest Against Suppression:** The document was written in response to Mussolini's forcible dissolution of Catholic youth organizations in Italy.

- **Condemnation of "Statolatry":** Pius XI attacked the deification of the state, arguing it was contrary to Catholic doctrine and separated civil authority from God.

- **Defense of Catholic Action:** The Pope defended the right of Catholic Action (laity collaboration with the hierarchy) to exist, arguing it was essential to the Church's mission, not a political threat.

- **Irreconcilable Views:** The Pope declared that many practices and ideas of the Fascist party were incompatible with the Catholic faith, specifically mentioning the forced ideological indoctrination of children.

- **Against Nazism (Germany) *Mit Brennender Sorge*:** The text rejected the idolatry of race, people, and the state, emphasizing that true faith in God cannot be replaced by a national religion or a cult around a "mortal" leader.

- **Defense of Rights:** It affirmed that humans possess fundamental rights derived from God, which the state must respect.

- **Support for Faith:** It encouraged German Catholics and clergy to remain loyal to Christ and the Church, despite, and in response to, the "painful trials" inflicted by the regime.

- **Significance:** It is recognized as a direct, though implicitly named, attack on Nazism and a defense of Christian truth, leading to immediate retaliation from the Gestapo.

- The Church's teaching relies heavily on the constructive social vision Pius XI established years earlier:

- **Foundation in *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931):** This encyclical on "Reconstructing the Social Order" introduced the **principle of subsidiarity that the state should not absorb the functions of individuals and families.**

- **The "Double Rejection":** In both *Quadragesimo Anno* and *Divini Redemptoris*, the Pope rejects both **atheistic communism** and **unregulated capitalism**, arguing that the abuses of unregulated capitalism create the "fertile soil" for communism to grow.

Foundations of Faith - February 25th & 26th – 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.

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings at 7PM

Our Knights of Columbus council is running a 50/50 raffle. Grand prize $3000 and other lower cash prizes. Only 300 tickets will be sold. $7500 in prizes. 20 chances in 300 to win a cash prize.
Please go to http://www.kofc3995.org and click on Raffle Programs at the top of the page for details.

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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 1st Sunday of Lent. Read: *Meditations for Lent* or Listen to: *Freedom Through Forgiveness*, *The Healing Power of Confession*, *Keep Holy the Sabbath*, *My Beloved Son*, *Beyond Belief*, or *Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin.*

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.

St. Patrick & St. Joseph Dinner Dance will be held on Sat., March 14th in the school gym, $45pp which includes raffles, DJ, buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda, coffee and tea. Bring your favorite dessert to share at our dessert table. Reservations required by 2/28 – no tickets at the door. For more information see flyer in the rear of the church.

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

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

Weekly Friday Adoration: Our Lord will be exposed on the altar for an hour every Friday morning from 9:30 to 10:30am. The hour will begin with a recitation of the Rosary followed by silent prayer.

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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