

# CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

Parish Address  
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## Parish Center Hours

Sunday-Friday ..... 9a.m.-9p.m.  
Saturday..... 9a.m.-6:30p.m.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday..... 8:30a.m., Vigil Mass 5:15p.m.  
Sunday ..... 8a.m.(Cantor) 10a.m. (Choir), 12:30p.m. (Spanish),  
5:15p.m. (Young Adult Choir), 8p.m. (Fordham University during Academic Year)  
Monday-Friday..... 7:30a.m., 12:10p.m.

## Reconciliation

Tuesdays and Thursdays after the 12:10p.m. Mass  
Saturdays 4p.m.-4:45p.m.

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after the 7:30a.m. Mass  
Benediction at 5:15 p.m.

## Religious Ed.

Parents should contact Hernan Sanchez at 212-265-3495 to register their child

## Registration

If you worship with us regularly and would like to be registered as a parishioner, please fill out the form on page six of the bulletin or stop by the Parish Center.

## Parish Staff

Rev. Gilbert Martinez, CSP ..... *Pastor*  
Rev. Ronald Franco, CSP ..... *Associate Pastor & Vice Postulator,*  
..... *Hecker Sainthood Cause*  
Deacon Waldemar Sandoval ..... *Saint Vincent de Paul Society,*  
..... *Baptismal Preparation, Homebound*  
Rev. Robert Collins, SJ ..... *Director of Adult Initiation*  
Sr. Maria Luz Lemus, OJS ..... *Sacristan*  
Mr. Hernán Sanchez ..... *Director of Religious Education*  
Ms. Kathy Zirnheld ..... *Manager Welcome Center/Bookstore*  
Ms. Diane Conroy ..... *Director of Youth Formation*  
Mr. Javier Castro ..... *Facilities Management*  
Mr. James Gerosimo..... *Director of Security*  
Mr. John Znidarsic ..... *Resources Manager*  
Rev. James McQuade, CSP ..... *St. Luke-Roosevelt Hospital Chaplain*  
Rev. Lionel DeSilva, CSP ..... *Assistant Chaplain*  
Mr. Cleveland Kersh..... *Music Director*  
Ms. Nancy Meyer ..... *Cantor*  
Mr. Michael Beltran ..... *Cantor*  
Ms. Ellen Bullinger..... *Cantor*

## Paulist Ministries in Residence

## Paulist Fathers

[www.paulist.org](http://www.paulist.org)

## Busted Halo

Rev. David Dwyer, CSP ..... [www.bustedhalo.org](http://www.bustedhalo.org)

## Vocations Office

Rev. David Farnum, CSP ..... 212-757-4260

## Outreach to Young Artists

Rev. Frank Sabatté, CSP ..... [www.openingsny.com](http://www.openingsny.com)

**From 59<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
The Pastoral Corner**

Dear Friends –

Christmas is less than a week away! Some of us will travel to our family homes and some will be on academic break from Julliard, Fordham or Columbia and travelling to visit family and friends. Please know that we hold you in prayer for safe travel and a joyful celebration of Christmas. Merry Christmas!

On November 7, 1857, the year before founding the Paulists, Father Hecker wrote a letter to his brother's wife, Mrs. George Hecker describing the experience of saying mass at the Mamertime prison in Rome (the prison at which Saints Peter and Paul were imprisoned by the Emperor Nero): "*The pillar to which they were chained, and the fountain remains which sprang up miraculously at their feet, in whose waters they baptized their jailors and twenty-seven soldiers*". The miraculous spring reflected what was happening in the hearts of the jailors and Roman soldiers! Their hearts were opened by Christ and by the apostles' zeal! Father Hecker was inspired by the apostles' zeal and hoped that same kind of enthusiasm might be part of his mission to the people of America.

The mission of the Paulists and the parish is to allow that same zeal of the apostles and now, Servant of God, Father Hecker to help us share our faith. In many of the programs and events at Saint Paul's, we meet so many who were "once Catholic" and not anymore or people who have always wanted to come into the Church, but never found the right time or moment. By the grace of God, when a person who has been waiting for the right time to step into the Church actually comes in, perhaps it is the Lord who has called him or her.

We join the mission of Peter and Paul and Father Hecker and let the Lord use us to reach out to all who are looking for God. We offer art exhibits by artists, concerts, a myriad of adult formation programs, a vibrant young adult ministry, a parents' "time out" to pray, a ministry to gay and lesbian Catholics and even an occasional beer at a local bar with the opportunity to talk about faith & spirituality.

As the great Christmas feast approaches, so many feel drawn back to the Church. And, we, too, feel drawn back to the Lord. We trust that it is the Lord who calls us!

Become a missionary by participating in the mission of Father Hecker, who was so inspired by the "zeal" of Peter and Paul who baptized rough and tumble jailors and soldiers. Invite a friend or family member to Church for the celebration of the God who chose to live in us. Don't invite them to convert them, make them better Catholics, or because we are better Catholics – invite them because we have been made brothers and sisters by the God who chose to come to us, in the flesh. When you invite someone, maybe it is in fact, the Lord, the miraculous spring who is calling them.

May the Prince of Peace Bless You Always! Merry Christmas! Father Gil

**Christmas Season**

**Christmas Eve**

*Thursday - December 24<sup>th</sup>*

5:15 p.m. Children's Mass & Pageant

*Meet Saint Nicholas*

11:00 p.m. Christmas Concert

*Directed by Cleveland Kersh*

*with the St. Paul Choir*

12:00 a.m. Mass at Midnight

**Christmas Day**

*Friday - December 25<sup>th</sup>*

10:00 a.m. Mass in English

12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

*Sunday - December 27<sup>th</sup>*

**Mary, Mother of God**

*New Year's Eve Vigil Mass*

*December 31, 2009*

*Candlelight Mass - 10 PM*

*New Year's Day*

*Friday - January 1, 2010*

*Mass - 10 AM*

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

*Sunday - January 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**The Baptism of the Lord**

*Sunday - January 10<sup>th</sup>*



## Ministry Activities

### SHARING OUR HERITAGE

If you are a parent raising children in the city and would like to meet other parents raising children in the City, you are most cordially invited to a meeting on Sunday December 20 after the ten o'clock Mass, in the Parish Center room 101.

The focus of the group will be on sharing our heritage, our Faith, with our children by listening to the Word of God so as to become "Becoming missionaries to our own children".

Contact Father Collins: jcollinscsp@aol.com.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult Catholics, who have been baptized but have not been confirmed or have not received their First Holy Communion, are invited to participate in a program of sacramental preparation on Monday evenings, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning February 1, 2010. Please register in advance at the St. Paul the Apostle Bookstore/Welcome Center. The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, which will serve as the text for the course, may also be purchased at the Bookstore.

The Most Rev. Dennis Sullivan, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul the Apostle Church on Saturday, April 10, 2010, at 5:15 p.m.

### Celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church

*Construction began 1876  
Completed 1884  
Dedicated January 25, 1885*

#### Saturday – January 23, 2010

*Illumine*

A Special Concert capturing the glittering qualities of mid-winter and the stars illustrated on the Church ceiling and featuring the

National Children's Chorus  
formerly the Paulist Choristers  
Program features "Dancing Day" and  
"A Ceremony of Carols"

#### Sunday – January 24, 2010

*Mass of the Conversion of Paul*

#### Monday – January 25, 2010

*Vespers of the Conversion of Paul*

### FALL IN FAITH 2009

#### YOUNG ADULTS AT ST. PAUL'S

We're in the final countdown before Christmas, but Apostolist still has a couple of events to round out our Fall in Faith series

You're all cordially invited to join the St. Paul's community to help decorate the church for Christmas -- **after the 5:15pm mass on Sunday, Dec. 20**. Lest you mistake this for mere drudgery, the idea is to infuse the chore with some serious Christmas cheer -- drinks, cookies, carols, you name it. We'll be going for several hours, so please stop by -- even if your contribution to the actual work is, well, limited. This will also be your first chance to see what Apostolist has on tap for next season. Don't miss it.

We are the *Apostolist* — *young adults in their 20's and 30's* of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle. Go to [www.apostolist.com](http://www.apostolist.com) where you can browse event listings. Join us every Sunday evening **after the 5:15 Young Adult Mass** for fellowship and refreshments.

### PAULIST HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2010

Join the Paulists for the Hecker in the Holy Land Pilgrimage April 26 – May 5, 2010! Join Paulist Fathers Paul Robichaud and Larry Rice as you travel in the footsteps of Paulist founder Servant of God Father Isaac T. Hecker at the Mount of the Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Upper Room, Wailing Wall and more. \$2,499 per person (double, from New York, first class hotels). Email: [media@paulist.org](mailto:media@paulist.org) or call (202)269-2521 for information and registration.

### PRAYER OF HEART & BODY

"Prayer of Heart and Body" is an on-going class that explores "body prayer" from a Christian perspective. The class uses yoga, movement, and meditation as tools for deepening prayer life. Class meets weekly, on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:15 p.m. at the Parish Center. For questions, contact Amy Russell, 917-545-4307

### YEAR FOR PRIESTS HOLY HOUR

Thursday - January 7, 2009,

7:00 PM - Holy Hour

Mass, Exposition, Vespers, Benediction,

8:00 PM - Reception & Discussion

Hear Holy Cross Father William Dailey, CSC, Scholar in Residence Columbia University Law School share his personal vocation story during a simple meal.

**DIRECTIVA PASTORAL**

Padre Gilbert S. Martinez, CSP, Parroco  
Padre Ronald Franco, CSP  
Diacono Waldemar Sandoval  
Gina Delgado: Coro Hispano



Misa Hispana: Domingo 12:30 pm  
Cura Ultraya Cursillista: Domingo 1:30 pm  
Confesiones: Llame por cita  
Telefono: (212) 265-3495

Estimado Hermanos en Cristo –

Éste es el último domingo antes de la Navidad. Encendemos los cuatro cirios de la corona de Adviento y el tono de las lecturas y las oraciones cambia. El profeta anuncia el nacimiento del Mesías y el Evangelio nos relata el encuentro de María e Isabel, las primas embarazadas que comparten la esperanza.

El Adviento está lleno de imágenes marianas. A primera vista, el Evangelio de hoy suena como una historia del encuentro entre María y su prima, Isabel. Pero, observando detenidamente, vemos que el encuentro en realidad es entre las dos criaturas, Jesús y Juan. Por el poder del Espíritu Santo, Isabel pudo reconocer como bendito al fruto del vientre de María. María fue bendecida porque creyó que se cumpliría en ella la Palabra del Señor, y se sometió a la voluntad de Dios. Podemos preguntarnos: "¿Estamos abiertos a la voluntad de Dios en nuestras vidas? ¿Permitimos que cumpla Dios sus promesas en nosotros?"

La Misa en español celebrando la Natividad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo es las 12:30 PM el viernes. También este año celebramos la Misa del Gallo a las medianoche con un concierto a las 11 PM. Todos están bienvenidos.

¡Que Dios les bendiga por su hijo Jesús, Príncipe de Paz y Señor de Señores, Hijo de Dios e Hijo de María, Jesús, Salvador y Redentor! ¡Feliz Navidad!

¡La Paz! Padre Gil

**MINI- CURSO DE FORMACION EN LA FE  
PARA ADULTOS**

**Las clases comienza el Domingo 10 de Enero – hasta 28 de Marzo después de la misa de Español (1: 45- 3:45pm)**

¿Necesitas los sacramentos de primera comunión y confirmación para adultos? ¿Quieres aprender más sobre la fe Católica? La Iglesia de San Pablo Apóstol estará ofreciendo un curso de formación en la fe para adultos. Algunos de los temas a explorar son: Dios y Revelación, La comunión de los santos, Crecimiento espiritual, entre otros. Si está interesado por favor llenar un formulario antes del 10 de Enero día cuando comienzan las clases. Los formularios están disponible en la librería de la iglesia y en la oficina parroquial. Si tiene más preguntas puede comunicarse con Hernán Sánchez al 212- 265-3495 EXT 341.

**DECORANDO LA IGLESIA**

Vamos a decorar la Iglesia para las celebraciones navideñas hoy, el 20 de Diciembre después de la misa de 5:15 PM. Todos están invitados. Gracias por su apoyo!

**LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR**

**Jueves – 24 de Diciembre – Noche Buena**

5:15 p.m. Misa para las Familias  
11 p.m. Concierto con el Coro de San Pablo,  
Cleveland Kersh, Director

12 a.m. Misa del Gallo

**Viernes – 25 de Diciembre – La Navidad**

10 a.m. Misa en inglés  
12:30 p.m. Misa en español

**Lecturas para la semana del 20 de diciembre de 2009**

Domingo: Miq 5, 1-4/Heb 10, 5-10/Lc 1, 39-45  
Lunes: Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Lc 1, 39-45  
Martes: 1 Sm 1, 24-28/Lc 1, 46-56  
Miércoles: Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Lc 1, 57-66  
Jueves: En la Misa matutina: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Lc 1, 67-79  
Viernes: Misa vespertina de la vigilia: Is 62, 1-5/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25  
Misa de medianoche: Is 9, 1-3. 5-6/Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14  
Misa de la aurora: Is 62, 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc 2, 15-20  
Misa del día: Is 52, 7-10/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-14  
Sábado: Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Mt 10, 17-22  
Domingo siguiente: Eclo 3, 3-7. 14-17 o 1 Sm 1, 20-22. 24-28/Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17 o 1 Jn 3, 1-2. 21-24/Lc 2, 41-52

**EL CIRCULO DE ORACIÓN**

El Circulo de Oración se reúne todos los viernes a las 7 PM en el Centro Parroquial – todos son bienvenidos.



**Saturday, December 19**

- 8:30 Mary Taylor
- 5:15 Sainthood Cause for Mother Henriette De Lille, SSF

**Sunday, December 20**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 †Mary Mc Govern Thomas
- 10:00 For The People
- 12:30 Sainthood Cause for Fr. Hecker
- 5:15 †Margaret & Anthony Donnell

**Monday, December 21**

**St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor**

- 7:30 †Charles & Nettie&Mel&Lorenza Sarno, William
- 12:10 †Alica Bouzon Cordan

**Tuesday, December 22**

- 7:30 †Luisa Lo Faro
- 12:10 †Flavio Agosto Cruz

**Wednesday, December 23**

**St. John Kanty, priest**

- 7:30 †Alicia Bouzan Cordon
- 12:10 †Luisa Lo Faro

**Thursday, December 24**

**Vigil of Christmas**

- 7:30 †Nunez Family
- 12:10 †Raymond Lussa
- 5:15 William Payden
- 12:00 For The People

**Friday, December 25**

**Nativity of the Lord / Christmas**

- 10:00 †Fr. James Weisner, CSP
- 12:30 †Miguel & George Martinez

**Saturday, December 26**

**St. Stephen, first martyr**

- 8:30 †Carmen Acosta
- 5:15 Sainthood Cause for Pierre Toussaint

Please remember in prayer the following Paulist Fathers, the anniversary (day/year) of whose death is this week (\*denotes served at St. Paul's): ), ISAAC THOMAS HECKER, Founder\* (12/22/1888), J. Basil Doyle\* (12/22/1969), Thomas F. Tierney (12/24/1972), Douglas R. Haggin, student (12/25/1962), Bernard W. Lohmann\* (12/25/1993).

**Donations in Memory of Bernard Flynn**

(Cape Elizabeth, Maine)

*From Steve & Holly Culver, Katheryn Eames, Jill Garvin, Dana Webster, Lori Parks, Lori Short, Sara Lin, Chris Rothman, Christine Dwyer, Donna Reardon,*

**Did You Know?...Ask Fr. Ron**

Friday, December 18, was the 190<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Servant of God Isaac Hecker, 1<sup>st</sup> Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish and founder of the Paulist Fathers. Established in July 1858, the new parish between Holy Cross Parish (founded 1852) and Annunciation Parish (1853) originally extended from 54<sup>th</sup> St. to 109<sup>th</sup> St. and from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the river – an area of 242 city blocks, then a nearly undeveloped suburban section of Manhattan.

On June 19, 1859, Archbishop Hughes laid the cornerstone of a combination church and Paulist residence on what was known as “59<sup>th</sup> Street Hill.” The church occupied two stories in the west two-thirds of the building, while the Paulist residence, facing Columbus Avenue, took up the remainder. The Paulists moved into their new residence on November 24, 1859; and, on Sunday, November 27, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese dedicated the first parish church. The first parish mission was conducted a few weeks later, from December 18 to Christmas – attended by 725 adults and 75 children.

The parish’s early years included the American Civil War and New York City’s infamous draft riots, in which one of the early Paulists, Fr. Augustine Hewit, was wounded by the mob. In his account of the riots, Fr. Hecker later wrote: “As for me, I would rather suffer from the license of freedom, than from the oppression of authority. War is better than a false peace; riot is better than servitude; heresy is better than indifference. But none of these things are to my liking, and may a good God preserve us from them all.”

Fr. Hecker died on December 22, 1888. In the eulogy at his funeral, the Jesuit Provincial Superior described Fr. Hecker’s deathbed blessing of the Paulist community he had founded. “His feeble hands were raised, and like a soldier dying on the field of battle he reconsecrated his followers in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for the struggle in which they had chosen him as Leader.”

**Pray for Our Sick**

Michele Blanco, Jack Cacomanolis, Jose & Clemencia Garcia, Teresa Guevara, Isabel Iondoño, Lina Melendez, Liza Ann Montero, Melba Ortiz, Juan C. Ospina, Ruth Ospina, Kathleen Ryan, Esther Salgado, Lucy Salgado, Rafael Salinas, Antonio Silva, Natan Sheyer, Leslie Smith, Abe Steingart, Emilio Bernardo, Ann Nolan, Dr. Remigio Bernardo, Thomas Kinkead, Mary Kovack, Francisco Gerdy, Carrie Bullock, Marie Starr, Tracy Manning, Jenny Young, Terry O’Leary, Raymond Lopez.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### ARCHCARE SENIOR LIFE

ArchCare Senior Life is now available in your community, offering services for older adults who need long-term care.

Do you worry about an older adult in your family or community? Someone who has one or more serious chronic illnesses? Is frail or needs assistance with daily activities? Struggling to take care of themselves? Seeks a solution tailored to their needs and preferences? Wants to remain in their own home in their community?

ArchCare Senior Life is a Program of All-inclusive Care for the elderly(PACE), providing comprehensive care services for frail older adults. ArchCare Senior Life provides care for individuals who are eligible for nursing home care, but prefer to remain at home for as long as possible.

The ArchCare Senior Life program is available to residents of Manhattan and the Bronx. For additional information regarding ArchCare Senior Life, you, a family member, or one of your providers can call: 1-866-263-9083. An ArchCare Senior Life Nurse or an enrollment Specialist will be available to talk with you to help you decide if this program is right for you, and will then help you complete the enrollment process.

### CHORAL VESPERS

#### FOR THE FEAST OF THE LORD'S BAPTISM

Sunday, January 10, 2010, 4:00 PM

At Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121 Street

Information (212)666-9350 or [www.corpus-christi-nyc.org](http://www.corpus-christi-nyc.org)

#### Readings for the Week of December 20, 2009

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
 Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
 Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79  
 Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
     Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
     Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
     Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
 Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22  
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52



## ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE BOOK & GIFT SHOP

Just in the NICK of time!

**Advent Calendars** are 50 % off the original price.

**40% off all Nativities** over \$20.

Hand Painted Christmas **Ornament Balls from China**-regular \$12, now **\$10.**

**Desk Calendar** featuring the artwork from the Church of St. Paul the Apostle **\$10.**

*We appreciate your shopping with us this season.*

Merry Christmas from the staff at the welcome center/bookstore.

**THE GIVING TREE** gifts are being distributed to Abbott House and Encore on Dec 21. Make sure you have returned your gift unwrapped to either the WelcomeCenter or the Parish Center receptionist. Thank you for your heartfelt participation.

### PARISH SUPPORT

#### Stewardship Information

Thank you for your generosity.

Receipts:	<u>2009</u>
Sunday, Dec. 13	\$18,281
Collection for Retired Religious	\$3,572

### Become a Registered Parishioner

*If you worship with us regularly and would like to be registered as a parishioner, please fill out the form below and return to our church offices or place in one of the collection baskets or boxes. Please print clearly.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S):(home) \_\_\_\_\_

(cell) \_\_\_\_\_ and/or (work) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_