

**FROM 59TH AND 9TH:
THE PASTORAL CORNER**

Dear Friends –

I thank God for your generosity to the giving programs during Christmas. Nearly 1,000 gifts (toys and clothing) were collected for needy children, families and the elderly. Through the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, we also distributed turkeys, hams and other foods for Christmas dinners. Thank you for your generosity.

According to the Church liturgical calendar, this is the last weekend of the Christmas with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. As you know, the Christmas season at one time extended through to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. Allow me then to wish you a Blessed Christmas!

We look forward to the celebration of our patron on the feast of the Conversion of Paul on January 25th. We are a “holy place of pilgrimage” during this Year of Paul. Pilgrimages may be journeys of the heart, but they can also be taken literally. We know that Jesus made the required pilgrimages with his parents to Jerusalem. A fourth century journal known as the *Pilgrimage of Egeria* offers detailed descriptions of Epiphany, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost liturgies in Jerusalem, written by a devout pilgrim woman, Egeria.

During the celebrations of Saint Paul, what is the pilgrimage that you are undertaking? In what decisions do you need the guidance of the Holy Spirit? How does your life reflect your baptism as a disciple of Jesus the Christ, whose baptism we celebrate today? In what part of your life do you need or thirst for the presence of the peace of Christ? What prayers do you offer for our world?

Have you ever been on a pilgrimage – literally or of the heart? Saul turned out to be on a pilgrimage on his journey to Damascus. He met the Lord and was changed forever! He became Paul.

Though we will not travel far on January 25th, may our celebrations be a time of pilgrimage when we meet the Lord and like Paul are brought closer to Christ:

“Dear brothers and sisters, as in early times, today too Christ needs apostles ready to sacrifice themselves. He needs witnesses and martyrs like St Paul. Paul, a former violent persecutor of Christians, when he fell to the ground dazzled by the divine light on the road to Damascus, did not hesitate to change sides to the Crucified One and followed him without second thoughts. He lived and worked for Christ, for him he suffered and died. How timely his example is today!”

Vespers of the Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, Homily of His Holiness Benedict XVI, 28 June 2007.

Peace –
Fr. Gil

AT ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

*January at
Church of St. Paul the Apostle*

**GREAT CATHOLIC FICTION
BOOK DISCUSSION**

A GOOD MAN IS HARD TO FIND and other great short stories by Flannery O’Connor. The group meets to discuss this book on January 27 at 7p.m. in the Parish Center. 20% off in the Bookstore.

CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE YEAR OF PAUL



Our 150th Parish Anniversary Celebration concludes on January 25, 2009 with the Feast of the Conversion of Paul in the Year of Paul which commemorates the 2000th Anniversary of Paul’s birth.

**Friday, January 23rd – 7 PM –
An Evening with Saint Paul**

From the high pulpit in our church, a person who shall play the role of Paul will proclaim the entire Letter to Philemon, one of the shortest letters. We will honor Paul’s words of faith with an overview of the context and background and enjoy a reception.

**Sunday, January 25th – 10 AM –
Mass of the Conversion of Paul**

His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan, Archbishop of New York will lead us in this special Year of Paul Mass. We are also blessed to welcome pilgrims to our historic parish which is designated as a “holy place” by the Holy See for the *Year of Paul* and “grants that a plenary indulgence be obtained” on this day.

**Sunday, January 25th – 4:30 PM
Chanted Vespers - Conversion of Paul**

**CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE –
MOTHER CHURCH OF THE PAULISTS
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ADULT CONFIRMATION:
PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION
AT ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Adult Catholics, who have been baptized and received their First Holy Communion, but who have not been confirmed, are invited to participate in a program of preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday evenings (7:30-8:30 p.m.), beginning February 3, 2009. Please register in advance at the St. Paul the Apostle Bookstore/Welcome Center. The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, which will be the text for the course may also be purchased in the Bookstore.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. CUA provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Every dollar we give directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. Please be generous.



HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

We have resumed our weekly gatherings on Monday nights at 7pm in the Parish Center. Please join us as we pray in the Spirit for the needs of our community.

BE A HOMELESS SHELTER VOLUNTEER

Please join us and find out how you may bring hope and shelter into someone's life. We need your help! You can sign up after any Mass on January 10th or 11th if you want to find out more about becoming a volunteer at St. Paul's Homeless Shelter. Our shelter is open now through April 7th (Sunday through Wednesday). We will be registering all "new" volunteers and all "veteran" volunteers. Bring your calendars! Orientation will be on Thursday, January 29th at 6 p.m. in Room 101 of the Parish Center located at 405 West 59th Street. For more information call Karen Dome at (212) 265-3495, ext. 302.

CANDLELIGHT MASS

The traditional end of the Christmas season was 40 days after Christmas Day on the Feast of Candlemas – the Feast of Christ our Light. Candles were blessed on that day for use throughout the year. In Latin American countries, this was also the day to "lift up" the baby Jesus from home nativity scenes and bring the baby to the church for blessing. As a sign of Christ our Light in our parish and in our world, we will be celebrating a *Candlelight Mass on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Monday - February 2, 2009 at 7 p.m.* at which we will distribute candles for use during prayer and we will lift Baby Jesus out of the Nativity scene. (Please bring your own candles and the Baby Jesus from your own nativity scene for blessing.) All are welcome!

SHARING & CARING...

*A New Year,
A New Way to Make the World a Better Place
for Someone in Need...*

THANK YOU FROM ENCORE 49
Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

Dear Fr. & Friends at St. Paul's:

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to you and the parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle Church for all the beautiful gifts donated to Encore for our seniors at the Encore 49 Residence. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of your parishioners! The wonderful assortment of gifts, including robes, pajamas, slippers, linens, towels, sweaters, gloves and many other items were truly appreciated by our seniors. Thank you so much.

Encore 49 houses formerly homeless elderly men and women who suffer with mental illness. Your kindness enabled Encore to spread much holiday cheer among our elderly residents who were most grateful for being remembered during this holiday season.

On behalf of Encore, please accept my best wishes to you and the parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle Church for blessings and peace in the New Year.

Sincerely,
Sister Elizabeth Hasselt
Executive Director

Soup's On! It's a fulfilling 2 hour lunch!

We have launched the Loaves and Fish Soup Kitchen at St. Paul the Apostle Church. It's a hot luncheon served in the Parish Center each Tuesday to those in need. We need volunteers! The food is already made ahead and the room is ready, it's a matter of packing up a to-go lunch bag, and serving those that attend. It's a great opportunity for groups of volunteers, whether corporate or social. What's needed? Four volunteers available on a Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The other requirements are pretty simple: a great smile, compassion, a willingness to be great hosts to our guests. You should also be willing to wear gloves. Meet some new friends. The commitment can be made for one day, or for a rotation over the next three months. Please contact welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org if your group is interested in serving. If you don't have a group of four, let us know, and we will match you up.

We are looking for a volunteer to organize the calendar of the Loaves and Fish Soup Kitchen. It requires a person that will make sure there is a rotation of volunteers for each week. Someone who is willing to greet the group each week and direct them for set up. It requires that you are available on Tuesday's from about 10:00 a.m. to about 2:00 p.m. Please contact the welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org. (Continued on next page)

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Reaching Out to the Homebound

As members of a community we need contact with each other. We worship together every Sunday, but there are those who cannot celebrate mass with us because of illness or immobility. If you know of anyone who is sick or homebound please call the Parish Center and let us know. Please leave a message for Deacon Wally Sandoval (212-265-3495 ext. 337). If someone you see at mass every week hasn't been here, tell one of the priests or a member of the parish staff. It's important that we keep in touch with parishioners who are cut off from us. You can help by keeping us informed. Thanks for your care and concern. God Bless. - Fr Gil



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY – 2/8/09

Plans for World Marriage Day are underway. This annual celebration honors the vocation of marriage and family life, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the largest Catholic pro-marriage and family movement in the world. The search is on for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of NY! To enter, the couple must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and live in the Archdiocese of NY. The winning couple(s) will be honored on Sunday, February 8th at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 10:15 a.m. mass. Send entries to Gene & Connie Jaconetti, 32 Poillon Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10312. Deadline for entries is January 30th. For more information or reservations call Nancy Rizzi at (212) 371-1011, ext. 3190.

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

Join us on a pilgrimage of prayer, penance, and fellowship with people from all around the country as we commemorate the 36th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Washington, D.C. – Thursday, January 22nd, March for Life 2009. For a list of buses going from the NY Archdiocese see www.FLRL.org.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for those recently buried from
St. Paul the Apostle Church:
✠ *Rosa Burgos*
✠ *Fr. Thomas Connellan, CSP*
✠ *Maryellen Flynn*

PRAYER GROUPS

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary now meets every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center, room 204.

ROSARY GROUP

Our Rosary Group prays the rosary together after most weekday 12:30 PM Masses and before 5:30 PM Masses. You are invited to join them, meditating on the saving mysteries of Christ and praying with Mary, especially for world peace.

THE ROAD HOME

Meets every Wed. from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Room 204. We are a group who shares our ever-growing awareness of Christ's "Real Presence" in our daily lives since our "Landings" experience. We are currently listening to Pope Benedict's book "Jesus of Nazareth" on CD please join us for prayer, a great discussion and a snack. For more information call (917) 807- 8595.

THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

Please come and join us for prayer on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center in Room 203. We pray for all intentions given to us during the week. If you would like us to pray for you, please put your intentions in the "Book of Prayer Intentions" at the side altar with the large cross.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Come join us in the Parish Center every Monday evening starting at 7pm for a time of spirited prayer. There will be singing and prayers of praise followed by a time of reflection and thanksgiving. We also pray with you for your special intentions. For more information call (212) 265-3495 x 337.



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: _____

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Padre Gilbert S. Martinez, CSP, Parroco
Padre Jamie Baca, CSP
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

Estimados Amigos en Cristo –

Con esta fiesta concluye el tiempo de Navidad. Hoy celebramos la manifestación de la vida pública de Jesús. En el Evangelio según san Marcos escuchamos sobre el bautismo de Jesús por Juan el Bautista, sobre el Espíritu Santo en forma de paloma y la proclamación de la voz que anuncia a Jesús como el predilecto, el hijo amado.

Hoy abundan las imágenes de agua, pero no sólo de agua. En la primera lectura, escuchamos la invitación de que vengan al agua los que tienen sed, pero también a recibir trigo, vino y leche: todo un manjar. Estos símbolos de alianza indican la búsqueda de Dios. La palabra de Dios saciará nuestra sed y satisfará nuestra hambre. Otra imagen que se une a la del agua es la del Espíritu Santo. Juan bautizaba sólo con agua, pero Jesús bautizaba con el Espíritu.

Pronto recordaremos de nuestro bautismo en dos celebraciones especiales: el Sábado, 17 de Enero celebramos la Misa de la Madre de los Dominicanos, Nuestra Señora de Altagracia y en el 25 de Enero celebramos la Solemnidad de la Conversión de San Pablo, nuestro patron. Su Eminencia, el Cardenal Egan celebrará la misa de 10 AM en ese domingo.

Feliz Navidad!
Padre Gil

**FESTIVIDAD DE LA PRESENTACIÓN DEL
SEÑOR - 2 DE FEBRERO 2009 A LAS 7:00 PM**

Habrà una misa de velas celebrando esta fiesta. Todos estàn invitados a participar. También se pueden traer el niño Jesús de los pesebres en sus casas para recibir una bendición.

**LA VIRGEN DE LA ALTAGRACIA ES LA
PROTECTORA DEL PUEBLO DOMINICANO**

con la Patrona del país; la Virgen de las Mercedes. La advocación de la Virgen de Altagracia es muy popular, concurrendo a su santuario todos los años numerosas romerías que van desde los más apartados confines de la isla a ofrendarle los votos y promesas hechas en momentos de tribulación. Su santuario se encuentra en la ciudad oriental de Salvaleón de Higüey.

Se celebra el 17 de Enero 2009 con una misa a las 7:00 PM con un convivio después de la Misa.

LA LEGIÓN DE MARÍA

La Legión de María se reúne cada sábado a las 10:00 a.m. en el Centro parroquial, cuarto 204.

Al salir Jesús del agua, vio que los cielos se rasgaban y que el Espíritu, en figura de paloma, descendía sobre él. Se oyó entonces una voz del cielo que decía: "Tú eres mi Hijo amado; yo tengo en ti mis complacencias".

— Mc 1, 10-11

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**LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA DEL
11 DE ENERO DE 2009**

Domingo: Is 42, 1-4. 6-7 o Is 55, 1-11/Hch 10, 34-38 o 1 Jn 5, 1-9/Mc 1, 7-11
Lunes: Heb 1, 1-6/Mc 1, 14-20
Martes: Heb 2, 5-12/Mc 1, 21-28
Miércoles: Heb 2, 14-18/Mc 1, 29-39
Jueves: Heb 3, 7-14/Mc 1, 40-45
Viernes: Heb 4, 1-5. 11/Mc 2, 1-12
Sábado: Heb 4, 12-16/Mc 2, 13-17
Domingo siguiente: 1 Sm 3, 3-10. 19/1 Cor 6, 13-15. 17-20/Jn 1, 35-42

PARISH STAFF

The Church of St. Paul the Apostle The Paulists

We give the Word of God a voice in pulpits and print, on radio and television, on the web and the wide screen. We search out those who have no church home, and welcome home those who have been away. We share the passion of Paul for unity in faith and solidarity in mission among all the baptized in the body of Christ. We build bridges of respect and collaboration with people of other world religions. We welcome people of diverse racial and cultural backgrounds in our parish, city center, and campus worshipping communities. The gospel we preach demands that all the children of God be treated with dignity and justice. We claim Servant of God, Isaac Hecker as our founder, the Holy Spirit as our primary guide, St. Paul as our patron, and laity as our valued partners in mission. We are Paulists. Missionaries to North America.

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Paulist Young Adult Ministries Busted Halo Rev. David Dwyer, CSP www.bustedhalo.org	Paulist Fathers www.paulist.org
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WEEKLY GIVING

Thank you for your generosity to
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Receipts:

	08/09	Previous Year
Sunday, January 4	\$ 13,928	\$ 12,048
Sunday, December 28	\$ 9,996	\$ 15,449
Christmas Eve/Day	\$ 22,700	
Christmas Appeal	\$ 12,961	
January Credit Cards	\$ 2,736	

GIVE THE GIFT OF SECURITIES

Would you like to assist St. Paul the Apostle Church in continuing its mission and receive a charitable income tax deduction? Please consider donating a gift of securities. Contact the Business Office at (212) 265-3495.



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, January 10

- 8:30 †Josephine T. Brown
- 5:15 †Rudolf Nureyev (Requested by his fans)

Sunday, January 11 *Baptism of the Lord*

- 8:00 †John Reilly
- 10:00 †Mary Florentino
- 12:30 **For the People of the Parish**
- 5:15 Sainthood Cause of Servant of God Isaac Thomas Hecker
- 8:00 Fordham Campus Ministry

Monday, January 12

- 7:30 †Ida Cerone
- 12:10 †Ann Urban (5 Years in Heaven)
- 5:30

Tuesday, January 13 *Hilary, bishop & doctor*

- 7:30 Maria Elena Muñoz
- 12:10 Josephine Rotondi (Healing Mass)
- 5:30 In Thanksgiving, Elizabeth Aglipay

Wednesday, January 14

- 7:30 †Thomas & Ann McDonough
- 12:10
- 5:30 †Frank Castronovo

Thursday, January 15

- 7:30 †Alex Patricio Padilla
- 12:10
- 5:30

Friday, January 16

- 7:30 †Patricia D'Rienzo
- 12:10
- 5:30

Saturday, January 17 *Anthony, abbot*

- 8:30 †Philip & Rose Dondiego
- 5:15 †Mother Henriette DeLille, SSF, Sainthood Cause

Please remember in prayer the following Paulist Fathers, the anniversary (day/year) of whose death is this week (*denotes served at St. Paul's): Joseph L. Quinn (1/12/1976), John W. Mulhall (1/12/1999), John B. Sheerin* (1/13/1992), John T. Carroll* (1/14/1992), Arthur F. Barlathy, student (1/15/1897), Charles A. Donovan (1/15/2005), Stephen B. Latchford* (1/16/1970).



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**BOOK
INVENTORY SALE**

We have a selection of books that we need to move out of our inventory. Come browse our selection of specially priced books to expand your library. A special section of Children's books are included.

STORE HOURS:

Monday - Friday.....10:00 am-5:30 pm
Saturday.....10:00 am-6:30 pm
Sunday.....8:30 am-8:00 pm

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2009

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
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Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42