

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

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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, 5:30 (Sept-May only)

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 5:15p.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

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www.paulist.org

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Rev. David Dwyer, CSP.....www.bustedhalo.org

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

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Fr. Frank Sabatté, CSP.....www.openingsny.com

From 59th and 9th
The Pastoral Corner

Dear Friends in Christ -

As we continue our Easter celebration, the Church gives us this Second Sunday of Easter as "DOMINICA II PASCHÆ seu de divina Misericordia" or Divine Mercy Sunday. While the readings and prayers for Mass on this day remain unchanged, this designation draws attention to the focus of the readings for this Second Sunday of Easter.

The Gospel of the Second Sunday of Easter narrates the wonderful things Christ the Lord accomplished on the day of the Resurrection during his first public appearance: "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear...Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad to see the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you,' and then he breathed on them, and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (Jn 20,19-23).

William Shakespeare in *The Merchant of Venice* (Act IV, scene 1) offered a reflection on the quality of mercy:

*The quality of mercy is not strain'd,
 It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
 Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest;
 It blesseth him that gives and him that takes:
 'Tis mightiest in the mightiest: it becomes
 The throned monarch better than his crown;
 His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
 The attribute to awe and majesty,
 Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;
 But mercy is above this sceptred sway;
 It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,
 It is an attribute to God himself;
 And earthly power doth then show likest God's
 When mercy seasons justice.*

Is mercy and not sacrifice that God desires from us?

During this upcoming week, we remember the Shoah (Tuesday, April 21st). Please invoke God's great mercy upon the memory of this terrible event and as a prayer for peace in our world.

Also, next Saturday at the Vigil Mass, we welcome His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan for the Third Sunday of Easter who will be joined by 300 singers from the *Pueri Cantores*, the festival of youth choirs from throughout the Archdioceses and Dioceses of Metropolitan New York. Mass will be chanted by these wonderful choirs.

Finally, I thank God once again, as always, for the ministry of so many people who enabled us to gather and celebrate Holy Week with great joy and beauty: ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, cupcake bakers, decorators for the church, those who donated flowers, our maintenance department under Mr. Javier Castro, our security team under Mr. Jimmy Gerosimo, our always energetic sacristan Sister Luz, Father Bob Collins who was shepherd to those 14 people who joined the Church at the Vigil, our choir under the direction of Mr. Cleveland Kersh and the cantors, Mr. Michael Beltran and Ms. Nancy Meyer who joined heaven and earth in song, our Deacon Wally Sandoval, and all who gathered to remember that the mercy of God is

inexhaustible -- for Christ has risen and made all things possible!

PEACE BE WITH YOU! Fr. Gil

EASTER 2009

Abomination & Love: A Not-So Radical Look at Leviticus

For Gay & Lesbian Catholics and Friends

A critical look at the text from the Book of Leviticus for a fuller understanding of the biblical approach toward homosexuality. Includes a reception, music, and an overview of the background to the Book of Leviticus. RSVP to contact@stpaulthepostle.org

Thursday, April 23rd, 7 PM – 9 PM

Year of Paul

A Holy Place for Indulgences

On the last Sunday of the month during the Year of Paul, the faithful may receive indulgences at our parish, which was named "a holy place" by the Holy See.

Sunday, April 26th

Great Catholic Fiction Series

A Morbid Taste for Bones: A Brother Cadfael Mystery, written by Ellis Peters. In 12th century England, a monk from the Benedictine Abbey at Shrewsbury sees a vision of St. Winifred pleading for her remains to be transported to the Shrewsbury Abbey, where she can be treated with the respect she needs.

Monday, April 27th, 7 PM – 9 PM

Freedom and Beauty: The Art of Iraqi Refugees

An exhibition featuring 15 paintings and drawings by Iraqi refugees that explore loss and tragedy in the turmoil of the Middle East, while giving way to hope.

April 30th- May 28, 2009

**Opening reception: Thursday, April 30th,
7-9 PM**

Sharing & Caring...

Volunteering at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle.

VIGIL CUPCAKE BAKERS

Thank-YOU! A big thank-you to Jennifer Liquori and all the vigil bakers! Over 600 cupcakes and smiles to share with the new members and their families and friends after the vigil, what a warm way to say welcome! Special cakes for each of the newly baptized were done by pastry chef Amy Landini! Thank you to all who baked and enjoyed.....Alleluia!

LOAVES AND FISHES

Soup's on and now the Pasta water is boiling! Soup on Tuesday and Pasta on Thursday! We need volunteers. Retired? Restructuring? A fun way to give and connect. It's not meant to be an every week commitment, but it does require that you sign up ahead of time. Contact welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org for more information and to get on the calendar to serve.

THE PANTRY IS EMPTY, TIME TO RESTOCK IT!

Donations of non-perishable food welcome. We serve over 100 families a month with groceries. Please drop off your contributions at the Parish Center for St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

**For all in need please pray, that their needs will be met.
Thank you for your kindness.**

Fr. Ron's Book Corner

A distinctive feature of the Easter season is the daily reading from the New Testament book known as *Acts of the Apostles*. The sequel to Luke's Gospel, it recounts the mission and expansion of the early Church in the years following Christ's resurrection and ascension, when the Christian community experienced the Risen Christ's presence in the Church and his action in the world in "the breaking of the bread."

So for Easter season reading, I recommend *The Breaking of the Bread: The Development of the Eucharist according to Acts*, by Eugene LaVerdiere. For many years Editor of *Emmanuel* magazine, LaVerdiere tells *Acts'* fascinating story of how the first Christians expressed their religious experience through their common meals and ultimately in the Eucharist, highlighting for us the inseparable connection between the Church and the Eucharist.

Speaking of scripture, I also recommend *The Last Word: Beyond the Bible Wars to a New Understanding of the Authority of Scripture*, by N.T. Wright, a prominent Protestant scripture scholar. Wright succinctly traces the history of scripture's role in the life of the Church and then tackles some contemporary issues of interpretation and what he considers the misuses of scripture by some evangelicals and liberals.

For Lent, with its focus on conversion, I suggested Augustine's *Confessions*. For Easter's Catholic Classic, I recommend *An Introduction to the Devout Life*, by St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622), Bishop of Geneva and Doctor of the Church. *An Introduction to the Devout Life* is a guide to the spiritual life for those living in the secular world. It is considered a masterpiece of psychology and practical morality, and has been called the most popular Catholic self-help book of all time.

Ministry Activities

SHARING OUR HERITAGE:

If you are a parent raising a child 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, April 19th after the 10 a.m. Mass. Immediately after the Mass please go to room 101 in the Parish Center. Baby-sitting and refreshments will be provided. The focus of the group will be on sharing our heritage and our Faith with our children by listening to the Word of God so as to become "Missionaries to our own children." Please contact Fr. Collins at jcollinssp@aol.com if you would like more information or just show up at the meeting. New comers are always welcome.

ARTS AND ARTISTS' NEXT SONGBOOK MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009

Arts and Artists will present its next *Songbook* concert of this – its 18th season - on **Monday, April 27th at 6PM at its NEW HOME - The York Public Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center.** The concert will be held in the **Bruno Walter Auditorium** - 111 Amsterdam Avenue, just south of 65th Street. This *Songbook* will be honor the songs of award-winning composer **Grant Sturiale**. Performers include some of Broadway and Hollywood's greatest talents. This concert is produced, directed and hosted by **John Znidarsic**. Admission is **FREE** and seating is on a first come-first serve basis. We hope to see you there. For further information, please visit our new website www.ArtsAndArtistsAtStPaul.com.

PRAYER OF HEART AND BODY:

This class offers hatha yoga and meditation from a Christian perspective, a form of "body prayer". We follow the liturgical seasons, using the rich traditions of Christian chant, scripture, prayer, and Christian contemplative meditation. We learn and practice basic hatha yoga postures and posture flows as vehicles for deepening Christian prayer life. Meets Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 8:15 p.m., at the Parish Center. Class is on-going through May 26. For more information, contact the instructor Amy Russell, amy russell2@hotmail.com or 212-496-7934

ST PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP

Calling all 7th thru 12th graders! Come join us this Thursday night from 7:00 to 8:30pm for St Paul's Youth Group. We meet weekly in the parish center for fun, food and conversation. New members are always welcome. Hope to see you there!

Around the Diocese

DIABETES ALERT DAY

The Jewish Guild for the Blind is hosting a Diabetes Alert Day on Wednesday May 6, 2009 from 9am to 12noon. This event is open to the public, please come any time between 9am and 12noon to take a Diabetes Risk Assessment Test, speak with health care professionals, enjoy refreshments and a chance to win raffle prize. The Guild is located at 15 West 65th Street, between Columbus Avenue and Central Park West. For information call 212-712-9944

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Carta del Pastor

Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo –

¡Felices Pascuas!

Hoy el Segundo Domingo de la Pascua fue nombrado por el Papa Juan Pablo II, “Domingo de la Divina Misericordia”. La Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia tiene como fin principal hacer llegar a los corazones de cada persona el mensaje de misericordia. Según el Papa:

"La humanidad no conseguirá la paz hasta que no se dirija con confianza a Mi misericordia". Dios es Misericordioso y nos ama a todos ... "y cuanto más grande es el pecador, tanto más grande es el derecho que tiene a Mi misericordia. En este mensaje, que Nuestro Señor nos ha hecho llegar por medio de Santa Faustina, se nos pide que tengamos plena confianza en la Misericordia de Dios, y que seamos siempre misericordiosos con el prójimo a través de nuestras palabras, acciones y oraciones... "porque la fe sin obras, por fuerte que sea, es inútil".

La imagen de la Divina Misericordia está localizada al lado del confesionario.

La Paz del Señor este siempre con ustedes –
Padre Gil

MISA MARIACHI PARA EL DÍA DE LAS MADRES

Patrocinado por el Grupo Guadalupano, nuestra parroquia se celebrará una Misa Mariachi en honor de nuestra madres 10 de Mayo, el Quinto Domingo de la Pascua a las 12:30 PM. Todos están invitados a celebrar.

MISA DEL AÑO PAULINO

Hoy con la ayuda del Centro Carismático, nuestra parroquia ofrece una misa especial celebrando el Año Paulino, el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia con el Obispo Auxiliar de Nueva York, Su Excelencia Josu Iriondo. Habrá un concierto de Alabanzas a las 5 PM. Marquen sus calendarios.

EL CÍRCULO DE ORACIÓN

El Círculo de Oración se reúne todos los viernes a las siete. Se reúne en el Centro Parroquial – todos son bienvenidos.



AÑO PAULINO
UN LUGAR SANTO PARA RECIBIR
INDULGENCIAS

Durante el último domingo del mes en el año paulino, los fieles pueden recibir indulgencias en nuestra parroquia que fue nombrada “un lugar santo” por la Santa Sede



Lecturas para la semana del 19 de abril 2009	
Domingo:	Hch 4, 32-35/1 Jn 5, 1-6/Jn 20, 19-31
Lunes:	Hch 4, 23-31/Jn 3, 1-8
Martes:	Hch 4, 32-37/Jn 3, 7-15
Miércoles:	Hch 5, 17-26/Jn 3, 16-21
Jueves:	Hch 5, 27-33/Jn 3, 31-36
Viernes:	Hch 5, 34-42/Jn 6, 1-15
Sábado:	1 Pe 5, 5-14/Mc 16, 15-20
Domingo siguiente:	Hch 3, 13-15. 17-19/1 Jn 2, 1-5/Lc 24, 35-48

Tomás le respondió: “¡Señor mío y Dios mío!” Jesús añadió: “Tú crees porque me has visto; dichosos los que creen sin haber visto”. - Jn 20, 28-29



Saturday, April 18th, Easter Saturday

- 8:30 †Jose Lopez
- 5:15 Bertha Rose Baca (Birthday Blessings)

Sunday, April 19th, Divine Mercy Sunday

- 8:00 Zbigniew Ofton (Birthday Wishes)
- 10:00 For the people
- 12:30 Sainthood cause of Fr. Hecker
- 5:15 †Harry Macon Sr.
- 8:00 Fordham University Mass

Monday, April 20th

- 7:30 Constan & Eduardo (Por El Matrimonio)
- 12:10 †Kathryn Grady Smith
- 5:30 †Aurora Menendez

Tuesday, April 21st, St. Anselm, Doctor of the Church

- 7:30 †Salvador & Renato Magtuloy
- 12:10 †Mariano Echaus
- 5:30 †Julio Burunat

Wednesday, April 22nd

- 7:30 †Fernandez Courtoios (Birthday Wishes)
- 12:10 Anne Healy
- 5:30 †Edward Kalbfeish

Thursday, April 23rd, St. George & St. Adalbert, Martyrs

- 7:30 †Margaret & Joseph Barbato (Anniversary)
- 12:10 †
- 5:30 † Lauren Bush

Friday, April 24th, St. Fiedlis of Sigmaringen, Martyr

- 7:30 †
- 12:10 †Idalberto Cardenas
- 5:30 † Lucy Santos

Saturday, April 25th, St. Mark, Evangelist

- 8:30 Mother Henriette Delille SSF (Sainthood Cause)
- 5:15 Pierre Toussaint (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): Paul B. Ward* (4/19/1951), Francis P. Lyons* (4/21/1943), and Edward J. Byrne* (4/24/1960)

Readings for the week of April 19, 2009

Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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 Wednesday 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. 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" in front of the large crucifix in the north aisle of the church.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Come join us in the Parish Center every Monday evening 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.



As a Parish Let Us Pray for Our Sick

Michele Blanco, Jack Cacomanolis, Jose & Clemencia Garcia, Teresa Guevara, Leon Goldstein, Carmela Masone, Lina Melendez, Liza Ann Montero, Yadwiga Nitkiewicz, Melba Ortiz, Juan C. Ospina, Ruth Ospina, Kathleen Ryan, Esther Salgado, Lucy Salgado, Rafael Salinas, Antonio Silva, Natan Sheyer, Leslie Smith, Abe Steingart.

Visiting Voices

Come see these groups from around the country perform at the Church for free.

Friday April 24th, 2009

- Queen Creek High School (Queen Creek, Arizona)
 - o 12:10p.m. Mass & 1p.m. Concert

Sunday April 26th, 2009

- Woodbury High School (Woodbury, Minnesota)
 - o 8a.m. Mass

PUERI CANTORES

Each year, Pueri Cantores organizes Choral Festivals and Masses for Roman Catholic school and parish choirs (choristers ages 8 to 18) in beautiful and historic cathedrals around the United States. This year in honor of Saint Paul, Pueri Cantores with some 300 voices strong and a repertoire which spans some 1500 years - from Gregorian chant and polyphony to masterworks of the 21st century -- will join us in our beautiful church (designated "a holy place" for the Year of Paul) for Mass next Saturday, April 25th at 5:15 PM for the Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter.

The celebrant will be the Archbishop-Emeritus of New York, His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan.

The Archdioceses of New York and Newark and the Dioceses of Bridgeport, Brooklyn, Metuchen, Paterson and Rockville Centre will be represented. The choirs will be under the direction of Mr. John Romeri.

All are welcome!



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THE PRIESTS DVD

Now you can hear and see the Priests performing their wonderful musical selections. We have the DVD at 10% off this week as an introduction in the bookstore.

THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX EASTER

Pascha, is celebrated this Sunday, April 26. We have a selection of traditionally painted goose and duck eggs with very intricate designs. Goose Eggs are \$50 and the duck eggs are \$25. Surprise a friend with this gift.

First Holy Communion... we have a nice selection of gift ideas for this joyous occasion.

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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Did You Know?...Fr. Ron Franco

In the early Church, the newly-baptized would receive white baptismal robes at Easter that would be worn at Mass each day of Easter Week. This Sunday was therefore called *Dominica in Albis Depositis* ("Sunday in Setting Aside the White Garments"). In English, it was popularly called "Low Sunday." Since 1970, its official title has been the 2nd Sunday of Easter." It was officially designated "Divine Mercy Sunday" in 2000.

The devotion to the Divine Mercy has its origins in the revelations received in the 1930s by St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938). It concentrates on the mercy poured forth in Christ's death and resurrection. In her diary, St. Faustina wrote: "the Lord permitted me to see the immensity and greatness of His mercy. If souls could only realize how much God loves them! Earthly human understanding is only a pale shadow of the reality!" In his homily at St. Faustina's canonization on April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II referred to the fact that St. Faustina's mystical experience corresponded to the tumultuous period just prior to World War II: "those who remember, who were witnesses and participants in the events of those years and the horrible sufferings they caused for millions of people, know well how necessary was this message of mercy."

Parish Support

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

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