Visit the Tomb of Servant of God, **Father Isaac Thomas Hecker, CSP**, founder of the Paulist Fathers located in the northeast corner of the Church.
Dear Friends –

Beginning on Monday, July 10th, the Main Entrance will be closed, the first step in rebuilding the foundation for the stairs and porch. The steps, the porch, and the walls will be removed. The repair will be completed on or before November 1st. During that time, the North and South Tower Entrances will be open for full access to the Church.

At a Wednesday General Audience shortly after his election, Pope Francis offered a reflection on the “mystery of the Church: that of the temple.” I thought of his words as we undergo another major renovation work of our “temple”. Francis, of course, was not talking about the physical building. He said that the temple, the “Church is not a weave of things and interests, it is rather the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Temple in which God works, the Temple in which each of us with the gift of Baptism is living stone.”

Then, the Pope delivered an impassioned plea for equality, as a consequence of the Holy Spirit making us living stones. As we have just celebrated our Independence Day, I thought his reflection was timely … and a timely reminder in the midst of our major repairs about the Temple we are called to be, beyond this physical building:

“This tells us that no one is useless in the Church – no one is useless in the Church! – and should anyone chance to say, some one of you, “Get home with you, you’re useless!” that is not true. No one is useless in the Church. We are all needed in order to build this temple. No one is secondary: “Ah, I am the most important one in the Church!” No! We are all equal in the eyes of God. But, one of you might say, “Mr. Pope, sir, you are not equal to us.” But I am just like each of you. We are all equal. We are all brothers and sisters. No one is anonymous: all form and build the Church. Nevertheless, it also invites us to reflect on the fact that the Temple wants the brick of our Christian life; that something is wanting in the beauty of the Church.

So I would like for us to ask ourselves: how do we live our being Church? Are we living stones? Are we rather, so to speak, tired stones, bored, indifferent? A Christian has to be lively, joyous; he has to live this beautiful thing that is the People of God, the Church. Do we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, so as to be an active part of our communities, or do we close in on ourselves, saying, “I have so many things to do, that’s not my job.”?

May the rebuilding of our Entrance Stairs represent the ongoing rebuilding of our lives as a Christian community!

Peace & love – Father Gil
**COME AND SEE INQUIRERS**

**WHY?**
- To help you explore Catholicism and then decide whether to become full members of the Roman Catholic Church at the Church of Saint Paul the Apostle.

**FOR WHOM?**
- Unbaptized adults.
- Baptized members of other Christian communities

**HOW?**
- Weekly meetings with community members in the Fall, 2017.
- To talk with “old” Catholics about their experience as Catholics and with “new” Catholics about why and how they joined the Church.
- To learn more about the Bible, the church, Catholic Christian-practices and lifestyle questions.
- Resources for personal reading and study.
- Opportunities for private consultation.

**FOR INFORMATION**

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**The Archdiocese of New York Preparing for the 2018 Synod on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment**

Pope Francis has called a gathering of bishops across the world (called a Synod) in October 2018 on the topic of *Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment*, to discuss how the Catholic Church can better support young people in living their faith and discerning their mission in life.

To help Pope Francis and the Bishops prepare for this Synod they are asking both Catholics and non-Catholics across the world to share their experience. Not only will your input help Pope Francis prepare for the Synod, it will also help the Archdiocese of New York gather information to assist as we continue to accompany our youth and young adults in faith.

If you are a young adult, please go to this link to participate: https://oymny.typeform.com/to/QKbSMM

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**Mustard Seed Guild NYC**

**Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 11th at 7:00pm - Parish Center**

Summer Fundraising Event - Save the Date!

**Bake Sale!**

We are having a bake sale benefitting the Hogar Belen Homes for Disabled and Abandoned Children in Nicaragua. All donations will go towards funding our trip in August. Please see us in the back of the Church after all Masses.

*On behalf of the children at the Hogar Belen Homes for Abandoned and Disabled Children in Nicaragua, thank you all so much from the bottom of our hearts.*

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**The Apostolist**

**Run Club**

**Monday, July 10th, 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm, Parish Center**

Run club is back! Meet us at the Parish Center at 6:15 pm for bag drop. Running begins at 6:30 pm! We encourage all running levels to join!

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**Paulist Fathers Now Hiring**

**Title:** Annual Giving & Donor Relations Manager

**Status:** Permanent, Full Time

**Summary:** The purpose of the Annual Giving Manager position is to help the Paulist Fathers grow true and accurate public support of the Mission, Programs, and Plans to its various audiences through a robust Annual Giving program. It is vital that all efforts are not just high quality, but also are strategically designed to place the society where it needs and wants to be in its relationships with its supporters and the public; pursuing the goals of increasing visibility and sustainable private support. The position’s three basic priorities are the Annual Paulist Appeal, managing development efforts for Busted Halo Ministries, and ongoing leadership annual giving and major gift cultivation.

For more information including Key Responsibilities and 3 Qualifications, go to Paulist.org.
Out At St Paul

Beer Swap with Mustard Seed Guild and Apostolist
Sunday July 9th at 7PM in the Parish Center
Please join us for a "beer swap" with Mustard Seed Guild and Apostolist. The three groups are planning a social after the 5:15 Mass on July 9th, each group bringing different kinds of beer. This event will also serve as the July supper club (because beers have carbs).

July Faith Sharing
Thursday, July 13th, Parish Center 7:00PM
Join us for our next monthly faith sharing group on Thursday, July 13th at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. Come as we examine scripture and take time to reflect on its meaning in our lives today. All are welcome.

Discussion with Father James Martin
Sunday, July 16th at 7PM in the Parish Center
We are pleased to announce, that, on July 16th after the 5:15PM Mass, Father James Martin will once again return to St. Paul’s for a discussion of his most recent book, Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity. We are looking forward to an interactive discussion between Father Martin and the OSP community on these important issues. For a preview of the book, click here (using clips from Owning Our Faith!): https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=w5lHqDGtfRs And here: http://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2016/10/30/james-martin-sj-we-need-build-bridge-between-lgbt-community-and-catholic-church

Out @ St Paul (OSP) is the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Ministry of our parish at St. Paul the Apostle in New York City, which seeks to engage our Catholic faith through service to our community, social activities and the exploration of Catholic spirituality.

Poets@StPaul Gathering
Monday, July 17th / 7pm to 9pm
Life can and should be messy. When we enter situations that call for a severe reduction of the strange, the “imperfect,” the fantastical, we enter a zone devoid of creativity and in danger of becoming inhumane as well. All are welcome to this event: poetry writers, poetry lovers and the poetry curious. We meet, read and discuss at the Parish Center Free and open to the public.

Registration is Now Open For Our 2017-2018 School Year
For families registering for Religious Education at St. Paul’s for the first time, the Religious Education Registration Form is available at parish receptionist’s desk, the welcoming center and on our webpage. Some classes filled up last year, please register on time. Late registrations will be only accepted for unfilled classes. Deadline for Registration is August 10th and classes begin on September 17th.

Religious Education for Preschool Children
Saint Paul’s offers a wonderful religious education program for three-to-five year old children called the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The Catechesis is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Children gather in an "atrium," a room prepared for them, which contains simple yet beautiful materials that they use. In the atrium the child can ponder a biblical passage or a prayer from the liturgy by taking the material for that text and working with it - placing wood figures of sheep in a sheepfold of the Good Shepherd, setting sculpted apostles around a Last Supper table, or preparing a small altar with the furnishings used for the Eucharist. One session will be offered on Sundays (9:30am-11:30am).

REGISTRAR SUS HIJOS PARA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA AHORA!!!
Para las familias nuevas que son miembros registrados de la Iglesia de San Pablo y le gustaría registrar sus hijos en la clase de Educación Religiosa los formularios están disponibles en la oficina parroquial, en la libraría de la iglesia o en la página de internet. Las clases se llenan muy rápido, registrese ahora. La fecha límite para registrarse es el 10 de Agosto. Las clases comienzan el 17 de septiembre.

Programa del Buen Pastor para niños de 3 a 5 años de edad:
La catequesis del Buen Pastor: es un programa de desarrollo espiritual para los pre-escolares los cuales se fundamenta en los principios de la educación de Montessori. Las clases son de dos horas de duración y se llevan a cabo todos los domingos de 9:30-11:30 Los formularios de registración están disponible en la oficina parroquial.

Vincentians of St. Paul the Apostle
Our mission is to help one another grow in faith by encountering Christ in each other through our service to those in need.

Want to get involved with the group or get more info? We’re always open to new members! Send an email with your name, contact info, and why you’re interested to stpaulsvdpnyc@gmail.com
You Did It for Me

Violence affects several regions of South Sudan and has forced many people to flee their homes. Despite ongoing violence, the generous support of the American people through U.S. foreign aid has recently allowed many people to return to their homes. Foreign aid makes up only 1% of our nation's budget but it does a world of good. Please join your bishops and Catholic Relief Services as we urge Congress to protect lives through U.S. foreign aid!

To learn more, visit www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org

Classic Catholic Fiction Book Club

**Around the World in 80 Days**

*Jules Verne*

**Tuesday, July 25, 2017**

630-830 PM

A Word from Servant of God,
Father Isaac Hecker, CSP
Founder of Paulists and
1st Pastor of our Parish

The essential element of all religious organizations, it is well to know, has always been the same: a special inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Their peculiar form depends upon the particular needs of the Church and society at the time when they are called into existence. [“On the Mission of New Religious Communities,” 1876; *The Paulist Vocation*, p. 286]

For more information about the sainthood cause of Father Isaac Hecker, go to www.paulist.org

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Queridos amigos –

Quisiera recordarles que a partir del lunes 10 de julio la entrada principal estará cerrada para la demolición, el primer paso en la reconstrucción de la base para las escaleras y el porche. Se quitarán los escalones, el porche y las paredes. La reparación se completará antes del 1 de noviembre. Durante ese tiempo, las entradas de la Torre Norte y Sur estarán abiertas para el pleno acceso a la Iglesia.

En una audiencia general del miércoles, poco después de su elección, el Papa Francisco ofreció una reflexión sobre el "misterio de la Iglesia: el templo". Pensé en sus palabras mientras nos somete a otra importante renovación de nuestro "templo".

Francisco, por supuesto, no estaba hablando del edificio físico. Dijo que el templo, "La Iglesia no es un entramado de cosas y de intereses, sino que es el Templo del Espíritu Santo, el Templo en el que Dios actúa, el Templo del Espíritu Santo, el Templo en el que Dios actúa, el Templo en el que cada uno de nosotros, con el don del Bautismo, es piedra viva." Luego, el Papa entregó una apasionada petición de igualdad, como consecuencia del Espíritu Santo que nos hizo piedras vivas. Como acabamos de celebrar nuestro Día de la Independencia, pensé que su reflexión era oportuna ... y un recordatorio oportuno en medio de nuestras grandes reparaciones sobre el Templo que estamos llamados a ser, más allá de este edificio físico.

"Nadie es secundario. Nadie es el más importante en la Iglesia; todos somos iguales a los ojos de Dios. Alguno de vosotros podría decir: «Oiga, señor Papa, usted no es igual a nosotros». Sí: soy como uno de vosotros, todos somos iguales, ¡somos hermanos! Nadie es anónimo: todos formamos y construimos la Iglesia. Esto nos invita también a reflexionar sobre el hecho de que si falta la piedra de nuestra vida cristiana, falta algo a la belleza de la Iglesia. Hay quienes dicen: «Yo no tengo que ver con la Iglesia», pero así se cae la piedra de una vida en este bello Templo.

Desearíamos entonces que nos preguntáramos: ¿cómo vivimos nuestro ser Iglesia? ¿Somos piedras vivas o somos, por así decirlo, piedras cansadas, aburridas, indiferentes? Un cristiano así no funciona; el cristiano debe ser vivo, alegre de ser cristiano; debe vivir esta belleza de formar parte del pueblo de Dios que es la Iglesia. ¿Nos abrimos nosotros a la acción del Espíritu Santo para ser parte activa en nuestras comunidades o nos cerramos en nosotros mismos, diciendo: «tengo mucho que hacer, no es tarea mía»?"

¡Que la reconstrucción de nuestras escaleras de entrada represente la reconstrucción actual de nuestras vidas como comunidad cristiana!

Padre Gil
Parish Stewardship

Thank you for your generosity!

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- Stairway to Heaven $5,000
- Friends of Music $575
- Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa $2,504

Faith Direct
Thank you for being a part of our St. Paul the Apostle family. I appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Your active participation in the life of our parish helps us to fulfill our vision and mission.

This summer, I pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy, and peace of being with family and friends. Please consider that St. Paul the Apostle continues to be open for Mass, numerous activities, and the Sacraments. During these summer months, your generosity through Faith Direct can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish ministries.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: NY539.

Thank you
-Fr, Gil

Become a Member of Saint Paul’s!
Please fill out this form & drop it at the Welcome Center Bookstore or place it in the collection basket. You may also send an email to bulletins@stpaultheapostle.org.

Name: __________________________________________
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Please check one box:
☐ I would like to register as a parishioner and to receive the weekly e-blast.

OR

☐ I only visit occasionally & would like to receive the weekly e-blast.

www.stpaultheapostle.org

Mass Intentions

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