

September 21st, 2023



The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Pastor's Column

"Behold who you are, become what you receive!" That was the instruction St. Augustine gave the newly baptized coming to communion. I'm a witness that that instruction still resonates all these centuries later as I have seen awe in the faces of those who come forward for the Eucharist. It's moved me to tears and has sustained my faith.

There's the older member approaching steadfastly yet slowly in a walker followed by a Mom with the sweet baby reaching out innocently to take the host. Then there is the young adult wearing a novel fashion, followed by one of our homeless neighbors. While many receive in the hand, others keep the custom of receiving on the tongue, a few kneel. After all these years I say to myself: It's all good. Whoever you are, come to Jesus.

The Eucharist is our food for the journey of life. It is what sustains us and transforms us more into the person God has called us to be at baptism. While life can throw us nasty curve balls, the Eucharist enables us to stay in the game and stay focused as the Spirit of God dwells in us. I am pleased that we will be offering more opportunities to encounter Jesus. A reminder to join us for our restored Saturday morning Mass starting October 7th at a new time, 9AM

as well as for exposition of the blessed sacrament on Friday mornings starting October 6th.

Overall, the communion lines are growing longer and there is an increased desire by many to receive from the chalice. We need help to serve everyone! If you are looking to get involved at St. Paul in a direct way, **consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister**. There is need at every Sunday Mass as well as daily Mass for more ministers. In addition, we need ministers to bring communion to the homebound. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or want to resume ministering, contact us at welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org. We will be in touch with more information.

God willing, by the First Sunday of Advent we will have expanded communion stations to serve our brothers and sisters in an expeditious manner. As always happens, ministers say they get more from their service than what they give. Seeing all the faces of those who come to Lord, that has certainly been my experience!

God Bless,

Fr. Eric



Reverend Eric Andrews, CSP
Pastor, St. Paul the Apostle

Around the Parish



THIS OCTOBER: Three Big Changes Coming to St. Pauls!

Expansions & Additions to Our Schedule Coming Soon

We wanted to remind parishioners of three big expansions and additions to our parish schedule debuting next month!

- **Starting on Friday, October 6th, we will resume weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Paul's.** Every Friday, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following our 7:30 AM mass; Adoration will conclude with a Rite of Benediction at 11:45 AM. Note that when there is a Friday morning funeral, other liturgy or event scheduled, Adoration will be cancelled - we will do our best to inform the parish of this ahead of time!
- **Starting on Saturday, October 7th, we will resume offering a Saturday morning mass at a new time, 9 AM.** On Ordination Day in May or on the occasion of other significant Saturday morning events, we would cancel the Saturday morning Mass. Notice will be given in advance when this may occur.
- **Starting in the first week of October, our Parish Center will have expanded hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.** The Parish Center will be open until 8:30 PM on these days only; the church will still close at 5 PM on Tuesdays and 7 PM on Wednesdays.

We look forward to having more opportunities to pray and grow in faith with you all!



Last Sunday, the Catholic contingent of the New York City Climate March gathered in front of St. Paul's after the 10AM mass.



Pictured below is Fr. James Diluzio, CSP - head of Paulist Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations - marching along 1st Avenue with the group.





Last Sunday was also "Catechetical Sunday". Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. The church joined together in a special blessing of the sponsors who have volunteered to help with the formation of our incoming catechumens on their journey towards Baptism.





We also held a lectors and eucharistic minister workshop for our Spanish-speaking parishioners. Thanks to Fr. Paul and Fr. Duffy for leading the preparation of our new ministers!



Upcoming Events



FORDHAM | CENTER ON RELIGION & CULTURE

Sister Helen Prejean ON *Dead Man Walking*

Opera, Activism, and Faith

September 22, 2023
6 – 7:30 p.m.

CRC | FREE ADMISSION
fordham.edu/CRC

FORDHAM
The Metropolitan Opera

Catholic nun and death penalty opponent Sister Helen Prejean will be at our church for an evening of conversation on Friday, September 22nd at 6PM.

Her memoir about ministering to death row inmates, *Dead Man Walking*, is now an opera premiering at the Metropolitan Opera later this month. Sister Helen will be joined by composer Jake Heggie and mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato—who portrays her in the Met's production—at St. Paul's for a conversation about the opera and the roles art and faith play in galvanizing social action.

Fordham University President Tania Tetlow will introduce the evening's guests, and the Center on Religion and Culture's director, David Gibson, will moderate the discussion. **The event is open to all Fordham students and Alumni, St. Paul's parishioners, and the general public.** Register by clicking below, scan the QR code, or simply show up tomorrow night and mention you are a St. Paul's parishioner.



Register Now



Our St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference here at St. Paul the Apostle Church (SVDP SPA NYC), needs your help so that we can continue to help our sisters and brothers in urgent need. **Our annual fundraising campaign, the Friends of the Poor Walk, is coming up this Saturday, September 23rd, and we are asking for your financial support so we may reach our campaign goal!**

Our Conference continues to meet with our community neighbors who are seeking resources for assistance. Many have never had to ask for help before, and the need continues to grow and grow. **Needs come in a multitude of ways** and may include food, shelter, eviction prevention, financial compromises, utility assistance, education, medical assistance and so much more. All the support the Conference gives is only possible by the generous donations we receive.

Please give what you can. No amount is too small. Please visit our SVDP Conference's website at www.svdpspanyc.org and click on the 'DONATE NOW' button to donate. If you prefer to send a check, please make it payable to SVDP Conference SPA NYC. You can mail it addressed to SVDP Conference SPA NYC, or drop it off at the Parish Center: 405 West 59th Street; NY, NY 10019.

You can also donate via ZELLE; our address is 917-704-2939 / St. Paul the Apostle Conference, New York. Or, if you prefer Venmo, you can scan the QR code below:



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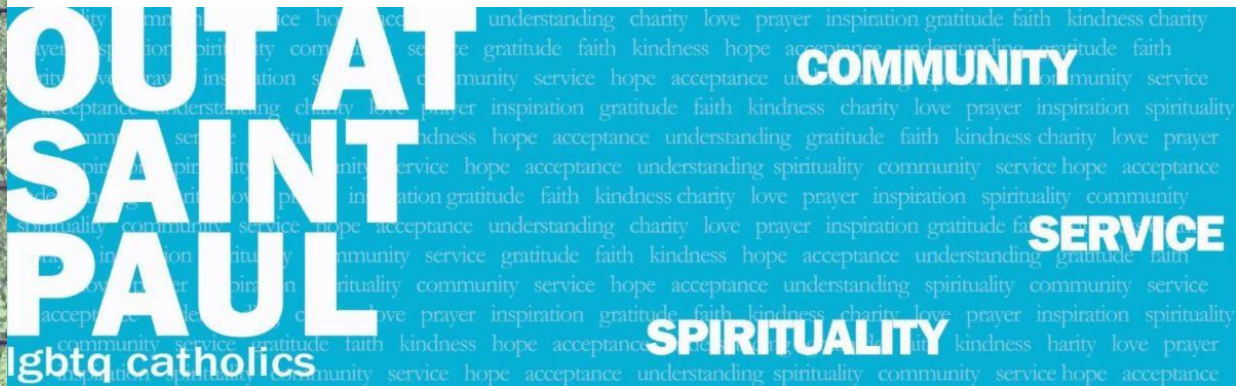


SAVE THE DATE! Come join our SVDP Conference members to meet and congratulate our new SVDP Conference President, Gabby Sacci Adickes! The reception will be held on **Sunday October 1st** immediately following the **10am and 5pm masses**. Come say hello to Gabby and mingle with our SVDP Conference members and volunteers. We look forward to seeing you; don't miss it!



Praise & Worship/Adoration at Fordham - Lincoln Center

Our next Homebase event - adoration at Fordham University's Rupert Mayer SJ Chapel. will take place on **Wednesday, September 27th at 6:30PM.** Apostolist Homebase meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month and offers a wonderful opportunity to grow your relationship with God while being surrounded by people your own age. Apostolist members will meet in front of the church and walk over to the Fordham campus together.



Discussion with Rev. Lynn Elizabeth Walker

Following the 5PM Mass on Sunday, September 24th, Out at St. Paul will host a discussion between OSP member Nora Del Rosario and Rev. Lynn Elizabeth Walker to listen and understand their experiences as openly transgender Christians. Rev. Walker will share her unique spiritual journey across the Catholic, Orthodox, and Episcopal traditions. There will be an audience Q&A following the discussion.

Rooftop Social

Join OSP members for a fall social on the Lower East Side on Saturday, September 30th. The social will be held on the rooftop of a private residence of an OSP Member. The exact time of our meet-up will be confirmed soon; RSVP by Wednesday, September 27th using the link below to receive updates and

RSVP Here

ST. PAUL'S OCIA

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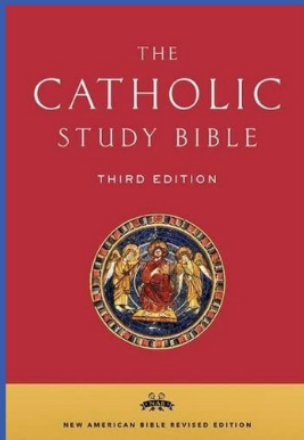


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or leave an inspiring message



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DONATE BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22



Sponsor a Future Catholic Program for OCIA

Each year, our parish accompanies a group of adults who seek to become Catholics. One of our traditions is to gift a new Catholic with a Bible. This year, we are inviting parishioners and interested Catholics to become spiritual sponsors by doing any of the following:

1. Donate a Catholic Study Bible
 2. Donate a copy of LTP's Daily Prayer book for 2024
 3. Leave a short inspirational message, which we will put inside the front cover of a gift Bible or prayer book
- Spiritual sponsorship is a way of personalizing the journey of faith.

It reminds us of our connections to each other as members of the body of Christ. This is a simple and beautiful way to share faith. If you would like to donate a Bible or a Prayer Book, please visit the Welcome Center Bookstore in

person or online at www.stpaulbookstore.org/donate.

If you would like to leave a short inspirational message, please [click this Google form link here](#) or scan the QR code below.

We are in need of donations by Sunday, October 22.



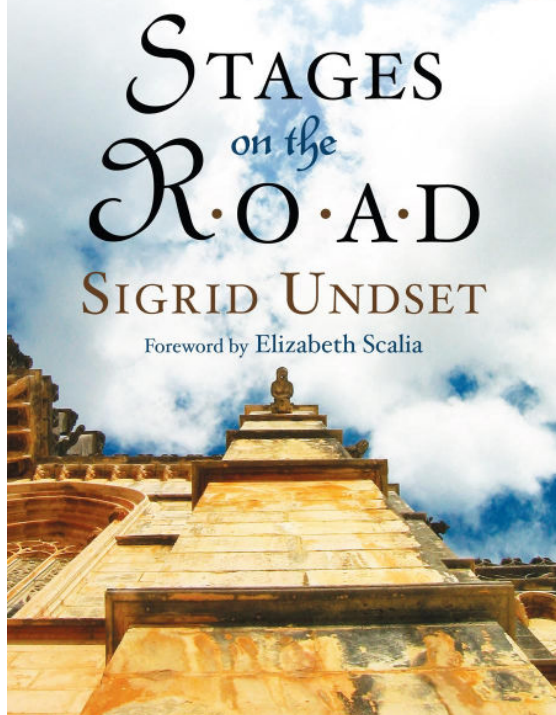
For any questions, please feel free to contact Dave, director of OCIA, at david.de.la.fuente@stpaultheapostle.org Thank you for your sponsorship, and remember to pray for us!



Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Every member of God's creation can benefit from a blessing, even those with scales and fur! Bring your pets to the entrance church on **Wednesday, October 4th** after our 7:30AM & 12:10PM masses, and at 7:00PM so they can receive a special blessing from our priests.

A forgotten classic on saints, women,
and the Church in the modern world from the
Nobel Prize-winning author of *Kristin Lavransdatter*.



St. Paul's Book Club

Join us via Zoom on
**Monday, October 30th at
6:30PM**

for our discussion of
Stages on the Road
by Sigrid Undset

Please RSVP to
welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org to
receive our meeting link!

Sigrid Undset is among the great modern writers of the twentieth century and was an adult convert to Catholicism. This forgotten treasure from the Nobel Prize-winning author of *Kristin Lavransdatter* is a fascinating collection of saints' lives and a surprisingly contemporary take on being Catholic — in particular a Catholic woman — in a sometimes-hostile secular world.

Stages on the Road is a series of essays about the relationship between the Church and the modern world. In the spirit of G. K. Chesterton and C. S. Lewis, Undset points to inconsistencies, hypocrisies, and blind spots of the modern secular mindset by introducing readers to the stories of somewhat-forgotten Catholic figures like St. Angela Merici and the English martyrs Margaret Clitherow and Robert Southwell — people who stood fast to their faith in the face of both intellectual and political hostility. Undset tackles such topics as religious freedom, Christian/Muslim relations, and the vocation of women.

Faith Formation



Confirmation Preparation for Adults

Interested in becoming a confirmed Catholic? Join us for our confirmation preparation classes on Tuesday evenings starting September 26th. Please contact associate pastor Fr. Paul Rospond - by e-mail at paul@paulist.org, or by phone at (310) 508-7047, to sign up or get more information.

Join us for a **Come and See**
Discernment Retreat at our new
seminary in Washington, DC.



**October
27 - 29
2023**

Come & See Retreat

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THE PAULIST SEMINARY
3001 4TH ST. NE., WASHINGTON, DC 20017



For details on how to register, please contact: **Paulist Fr. Ed Nowak**,
our vocation director, at vocations@paulist.org or **917-763-7899**

Paulist "Come & See" Discernment Retreat

You've attended Paulist masses, you've listened to Paulist homilies -- but have you ever considered becoming a Paulist? If the answer is yes (or even if you're considering the question for the first time), consider joining the Paulist discernment retreat!

The retreat will be held at the newly-renovated Heckler House in Washington D.C., from **October 27-29th**.

Paulist vocation director Fr. Ed Nowak would be happy to answer any questions or chat with anyone interested in exploring a vocation -- just send him an e-mail at vocations@paulist.org.

Prayer Requests



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Grant eternal rest to Zdenko Dujmović, Gertrude Yarrosch, George & Marguerite LaMarque, Anthony Gjon Ndrei, Mary Quigley, Roderick Orlina, and Corazon Pilaes Manalastas.

Grant health or healing to Michelle Gorelick, George Lindhjem, Christopher Henderson, Jeanne Connors, Dilara Ayse Osman, Bill Devine, Eileen Schreiber, Christopher McElroy, and John David Pride.

Grant peace and well-being to Clarissa Torodoff, Donna Marie Henderson, Nuala Quigley, Rev. Samuel Perrins, Tricia Musa, Isabelle Masarweh, Monique Williams, and the Gorelick family.

Have someone you would like our parish to pray for? You can submit prayer requests through our online form below. The names in your intentions will be shared with the parish here and will remain in our virtual newsletter one month after submission.

Click the button below to fill out our prayer request form:

[Submit Your Prayer Requests](#)

[Mass Intentions](#)

Friday, September 22nd

7:30AM - Pope Francis

12:10PM + Carlos Iza

Monday, September 25th

7:30 AM + Lina Lauro

12:10PM + Herbert J. Kerr

Saturday, September 23rd

5:00PM - For the People

Tuesday, September 26th

7:30AM + Terry Hart

12:10PM + Aglaia Efsthopoulos

Sunday, September 24th

8:00AM + Jerry Martin

Thomas

10:00AM - Sister Mary

Petrosky

12:30PM + Celida Medina

5:00PM + Ed Pon

Wednesday, September 27th

7:30AM + Esther Loazon

12:10PM + Olivia Morales

Thursday, September 28th

7:30AM - The Loazon Family

12:10PM - Kennedy & Ava

Arizaga, and Eva Martin

Parish Information



Church Hours

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday - Friday

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday

9:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Sunday

7:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday
7:30 AM and 12:10 PM

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM - Mass Without Music
10:00 AM - Mass With St. Paul's Choir
12:30 PM - Misa con Coro en Español
5:00 PM - Mass With Inspirit Ensemble



Donate flowers for weekend masses and special occasions to beautify our sanctuary!

Make a gift in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Their name - and even yours, if desired - will be acknowledged on our weekly newsletter and social media. Our parish staff will order the arrangements on your behalf in order to coordinate with the liturgical seasonal colors.

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Virtch Church ONLINE MINISTRY



Happy Summer!

With the sun shining outside and many parishioners on the move, we know you might not always be around to celebrate with us. Stay connected to the parish you love and take St. Paul's with you wherever you go through Virtch Church!

Whether you're home sick, enjoying a long weekend, or just need a spiritual vacation in the middle of the workday, you can always pray with us on Virtch Church.

Join us Monday-Friday at 12:10PM, or on Sunday at 10:00AM and 5:00PM. Our masses are live-streamed to our [website](#), our [YouTube page](#), and our [Facebook page](#). In addition to these platforms, [check out our Instagram](#) to never miss what's happening at St. Paul's!



Our services, along with the readings and hymns for the day, can be found on our [SPA app](#) - you can download it by scanning the relevant QR code above! Our app also has an online "copy" you can access through your phone's browser in case you have difficult accessing it. Find it at <https://stpaulny.web4uapps.com>.

Help Keep St. Paul's Cool!

Of course, this season of sunshine also means roaring temperatures outside.

While we promise to keep the lights on and the AC running through whatever heat waves summer throws at us, we need your help!

Consider donating to St. Paul's. Your support is the primary means through which we can continue to serve the parish community. To donate online go to stpaultheapostle.org and click on "Make a Donation" in the top right corner. Please remember that you can have your donations go directly to the ministry of your choice!

Or with the Faith Direct Text-TO-GIVE platform, you can text a donation to make a quick gift to help support The Church of St. Paul the Apostle.

Just text **NY539** to the number **(646) 859-1860** to enroll.



You can also find us on Venmo. Just scan the QR code above, or search for [@stpaulsnyc](https://www.venmo.com/stpaulsnyc) to donate now!

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