

October 12th, 2023



The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Pastor's Column



The Town Hall is Open!

As the church is in Synod in Rome listening and discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us as a universal church, here at St. Paul's we've launched our own discernment on a local level. This past Saturday, we held the first of many town hall meetings to listen to the diverse voices of our parish. For the first meeting, we invited parishioners from across the spectrum: representatives from different parish groups, those who have served in parish leadership over the years, others who have more recently arrived, and so forth. It was a great gathering of the faithful who truly have a heart for St. Paul's and want to see our parish grow and thrive.

The consistent theme that emerged is the desire to be a more interconnected parish. How can our various groups work together to advance the mission to care for our parishioners and our neighbors? Recognizing that Covid had fragmented the community, the group was anxious for ways in which we can unite and plan opportunities for people to connect and for groups to collaborate. Participants also shared what they loved about the parish. Here again, there was a consistent theme of community and welcome. We value the bonds of community as well as the diversity of St. Paul's. The music program as well as our worship were also particular points of pride. Of course, there are areas that need attention. We need to restart the Seniors Group; reach out to young couples and families; be attentive to the needs of our youth. I know this is just the beginning of a larger list. Overall, hopefulness dominated the gathering giving us much to build on.

Now it is your turn to participate! Please join this very rich and important conversation. Your critical input is needed. Here are the dates of the upcoming Town Hall sessions:

- Sunday, November 5th: 2:30pm – 4:30pm Parish Center (English)
- Thursday, November 9th: 7:00pm – 9:00pm Zoom (English)
- Sunday, November 12th: 1:30pm – 3:30pm Parish Center (Spanish)

To RSVP for any of these sessions, [click here and fill out this short Google Form](#) - this is especially required for the Zoom session so we can send you a link. You may attend as many of these sessions as you like.

Finally, I want to assure you that your comments will not be made in vain! Following these meetings, the findings of the Town Hall gatherings will be placed in the hands of a special committee tasked with re-launching the Parish's Pastoral Council. These Town Hall meetings will help focus the agenda for the new council's work.

There's tons to do. Thanks be to God there is plenty of enthusiasm to do it!

Come Holy Spirit!

Fr. Eric



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



Out of the depths, I cry to you O Lord; Lord hear my voice. - Psalm 129

Join our Prayers for Peace in Our World

News of the horrific violence in Israel and Palestine has left us with aching hearts. Pope Francis expressed his grief during [this past Sunday's Angelus address](#):

"I express my closeness to the families and victims. I am praying for them and for all who are living hours of terror and anguish. May the attacks and weaponry cease. Please! And let it be understood that terrorism and war do not lead to any resolutions, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people. War is a defeat! Every war is a defeat! Let us pray that there be peace in Israel and in Palestine."

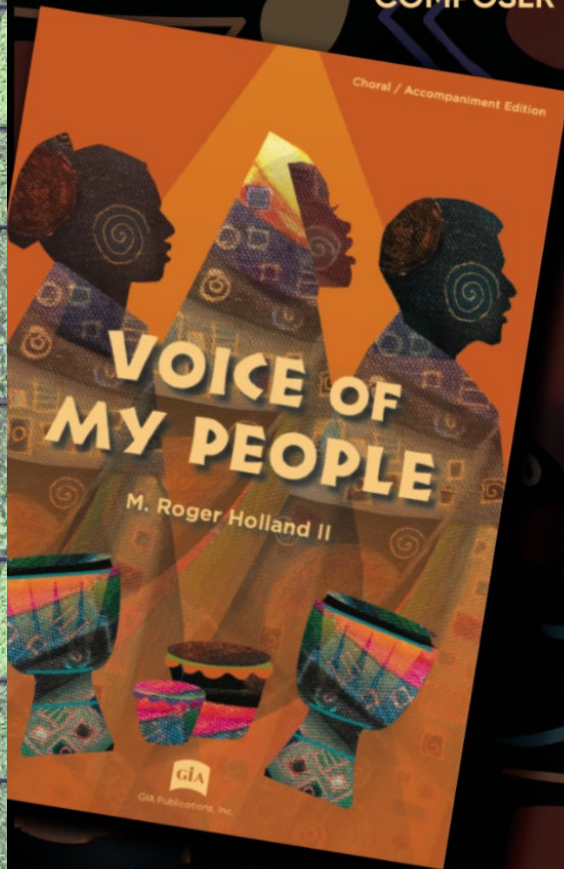
We join with the Holy Father in praying for peace and unity, and echo the prayers of Iraqi Cardinal Louis Raphaël Sako who shared this prayer with attendees at the Vatican's Synod on Synodality currently meeting in Rome:

"Oh God, who cares for all, let the whole of humanity who have one origin from you, form one family, without violence, without wars and with brotherly spirit, live united in peace and concord for our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son who is God, lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever."

The Holy Father has also implored the faithful to pray the rosary in October so that Mary's intercession and protection may bring the peace of Christ to our troubled world.

Special Announcements

GIA & College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER
COMPOSER & MUSIC FACULTY



M. ROGER HOLLAND II

presents
his new Mass setting,

VOICE OF MY PEOPLE

on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 5PM**
at **CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE**
COLUMBUS AVE. AT WEST 60TH ST
NEW YORK, NY
at the eucharistic liturgy.

A New Mass Setting Premieres at St. Paul's

St. Paul's is excited to announce that we will be host to M. Roger Holland II and a group of singers from the five boroughs for a debut of his newly composed mass setting, "Voice of My People." **Members of our Music Ministry will accompany our city's singers for the debut of this new work at our 5PM mass next Sunday, October 22nd.**

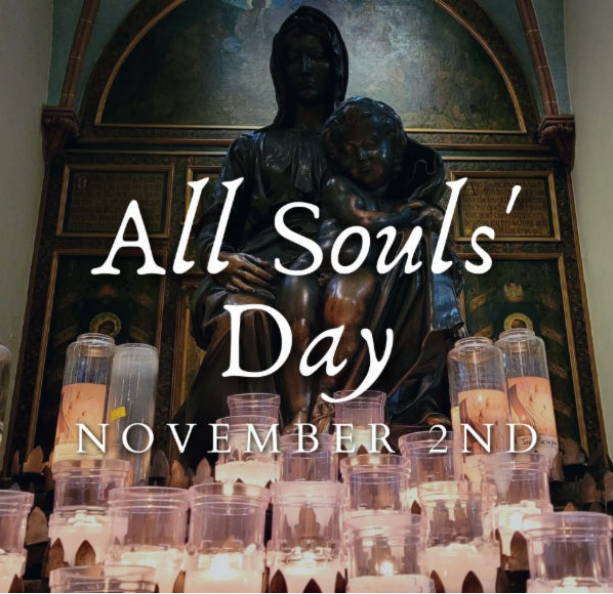
An alumnus of the Manhattan School of Music and the Union Theological Seminary, [M. Roger Holland II](#) served as Artist-in-Residence and director of the Union Gospel Choir for over 13 years and Minister of Music for Our Lady of Charity Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, NY for 12 years. He is the Music Director for the NY Archdiocese Office of Black Ministry, has travelled internationally with the The Boys Choir of Harlem, and has published many original compositions and mass settings through GIA.

We are grateful for the opportunity to bring together singers from throughout the diocese, sharing our spiritual home with them to make this sacred space a place for new liturgical music to flourish. We look forward to praying with you next Sunday!



All Saints' Day

NOVEMBER 1ST



All Souls' Day

NOVEMBER 2ND

Feast Day Masses

In honor of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, we will hold special masses on Wednesday, November 1st, and Thursday, November 2nd at 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 6:30 PM. Our 12:10 PM and 6:30 PM masses will be live-streamed to Virtch Church on our [website](#), our [YouTube page](#), and our [Facebook page](#).



All Souls Remembrance Board

November 2 is the day that the church commemorates all the faithful departed. The Feast of All Souls Day will always remind us of those who were once a part of our lives and are now a part of our memories.

This year, we invite you to bring in a picture (up to 5"x7" in size) of your dearly departed so we can create a remembrance board in our Sacred Heart Memorial Chapel for all who have gone to the next life. Pictures can be

dropped off at our Welcome Center Bookstore (located to the left of the church entrance) through Sunday, October 29th.

Please note that we will not be able to return your photo to you after the board is disassembled, so bring in a copy of your photo if you want to keep the original. If you cannot bring a photo by, you are welcome to send an email of a printable picture to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org, including the name of the deceased in your correspondence.

This display will remain in the Sacred Heart chapel for prayer and reflection until November 30th.



POLARIS PROJECT

**BUILDING, EDUCATING & INSPIRING
NEW AUDIENCES FOR DANCE**

The Paul Taylor Dance Company wants to be the most inclusive group at Lincoln Center. Given the role spirituality plays in so much dance across time and cultures, they are making a special effort to invite congregations across the city to join them as they light up the Koch Theater stage!

Parishioners are invited to register to receive free tickets to their upcoming performance in Lincoln Center on Thursday, November 9th at 7PM. These performances will share the magic of Paul Taylor's unparalleled repertory alongside fresh premieres from Resident choreographer Lauren Lovette as well as a beloved classic from Ulysses Dove, *Vespers*, which speaks directly to his mother's religious life.

[Reserve your tickets for November 9th by filling out our sign-up form here](#)

Since seats are limited and need to be reserved, *each ticket must be reserved separately with a working email* so we can confirm your reservations and give you instructions of how to retrieve the ticket.



A Sneak Preview of Christmas: The Notre Dame Christmas Concert!

Come see the Notre Dame Glee Club and Symphony Orchestra as the two ensembles join together for a program of holiday favorites! They will perform right here at St. Paul's on Wednesday, December 20th at 7:30PM.

Although the sleigh bells and icicles of Christmas are a long way off, tickets will sell out fast, so buy your tickets now while they're still available! **Save the date** and [register for the event by clicking here](#)

Upcoming Events



Walking Tour

Mike Roper takes the OSP community through Brooklyn to check out the sites of the Battle of Brooklyn, the first and largest major battle of the American Revolution. The tour will end with a meal at the original Junior's.

No sign-up is required; just show up, rain or shine!OSP members will travel together to the start of our tour. You can meet up with the group at two

locations:

- **9:00am in Manhattan:** Meet at the Southeast corner of 6th Ave & W 42nd St (near the Bryant Park station)
- **9:50am in Brooklyn:** Meet at 4th Ave and 9th St (near F-R-G station).

Note: The tour includes approximately 3-4 hours of walking, and two mid-tour subway rides. Bring your own snacks and drinks to sustain your energy on the tour.

Author Talk with Rev. Lynn Walker

As a follow up to the fabulous event we hosted this past Sunday, Rev. Walker will join us again on **Wednesday, October 18th at 7PM in the Parish Center** to discuss her book "Forward!". Join us for an engaging conversation on the intersection of faith and identity.



After-Mass Social

Join our young adult community **this Sunday, October 15th after the 5PM mass** for a little meet-and-greet for our new Apostolist members! We'll meet in the back of the church after mass then step out for some fun and fellowship.

October Homebase: Prayerful Pilates

Apostolist hosts our Homebase Events every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month to allow members to grow in faith while surrounded by people their own age. Join us on **Wednesday, October 22nd at 6:30PM in the Parish Center for an evening of mindful movement.** We will call our prayer intentions to mind and heart with intentional breathing and a 30 min core workout. If you have any questions, please reach out to us via e-mail at youngadults@stpaultheapostle.org.

ST. PAUL'S OCIA

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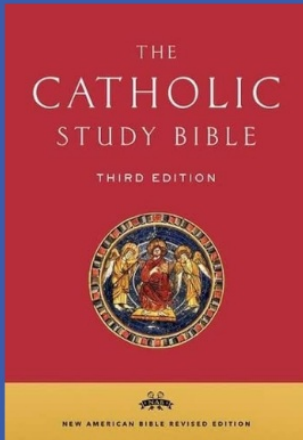


gift a Bible, a prayer book,
or leave an inspiring message



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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.

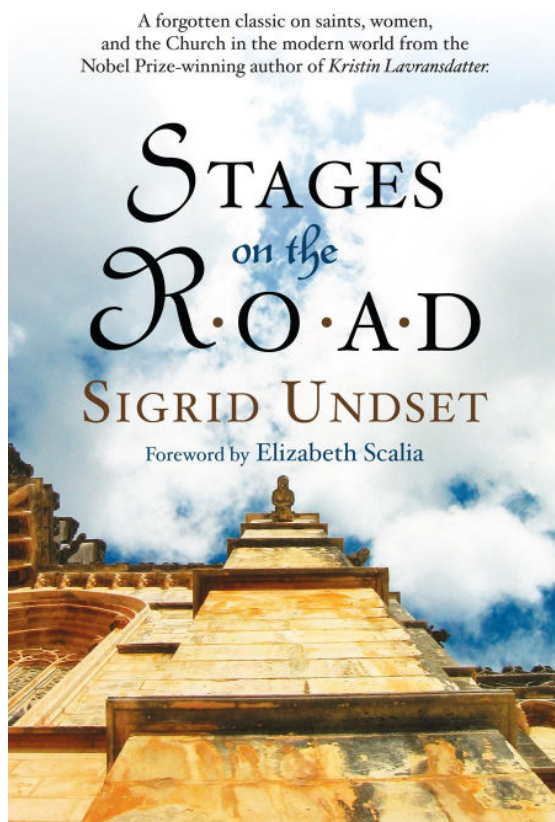
It reminds us of our connections to each other as members of the body of Christ. This is a simple and beautiful way to share faith. If you would like to donate a Bible or a Prayer Book, please visit the Welcome Center Bookstore in person or online at www.stpaulbookstore.org/donate.

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!



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.

Holy Humor

me as my Dad leads us to the front pew when the entrance hymn has already started



Faith Formation

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



**October
27 - 29
2023**

Come & See Retreat

HECKER HOUSE

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, George & Marguerite LaMarque, Anthony Gjon Ndrei, Mary Quigley, Roderick Orlina, Corazon Pilares Manalastas, Ramon M. Perez Del Orbe, Kari Guercio, Larry Coleman, and Norma Ramos Sanchez.

Grant health or healing to Christopher Henderson, Bill Devine, Eileen Schreiber, Christopher McElroy, John David Pride, Lee Jacobson, Dr. Timothy Putty, Diane & Bill Lyndon, Antoinette Cinturati, Vanessa Belsito, Denise Abady, Claudia Morgan, William Hughes, Deacon Wally Valderama, Dilaria Ayse Osman, and Joan McGrew.

Grant peace and well-being to Clarissa Torodoff, Donna Marie Henderson, Nuala Quigley, Rev. Samuel Perrins, Tricia Musa, Isabelle Masarweh, Monique Williams, Hilda Ojeda, Damianus Aditya Christie, James Golka, the Gorelick family, and the Miller 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, October 13th

7:30AM + Esther Loanzon

12:10PM - For Peace in the Middle East

Saturday, October 14th

9:00AM - For the People

5:00PM + Angel Rafael Gomez

Sunday, October 15th

8:00AM + Jesus Loanzon, Sr.

10:00AM + Paul Sohn & Joseph Sohn

12:30PM + Esmeria del Carmen Albarran
Carrasquero

5:00PM - For the People

Monday, October 16th

7:30AM - For the People

12:30 PM - O'Sullivan McGlade Family

Tuesday, October 17th

7:30AM - For the People

12:10PM - For the People

Wednesday, October 18th

7:30AM - For the People

12:10PM + John Richard Oliver, II

Thursday, October 19th

7:30AM + Owen O'Beirne

12:10PM - For the People

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

9:00AM and 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



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.

This weeks altar flowers were generously donated in loving memory of Julie "Jules" Lee, and for the intentions of Barbara Abady.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

Virtch Church ONLINE MINISTRY



Happy Fall!

Given that it's prime apple-picking season, 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 Support Your Parish!

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](#) to donate now!

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