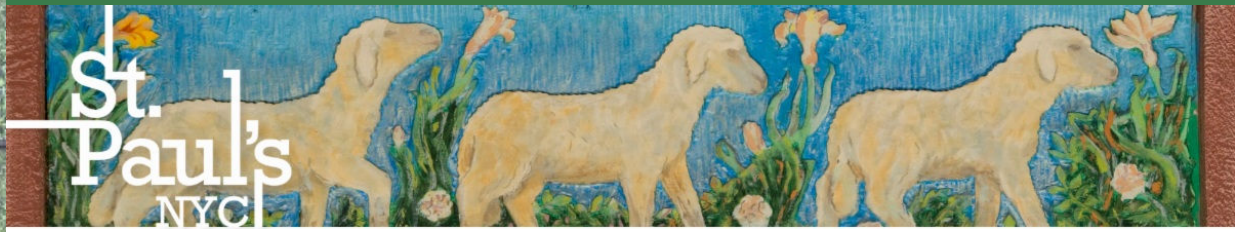
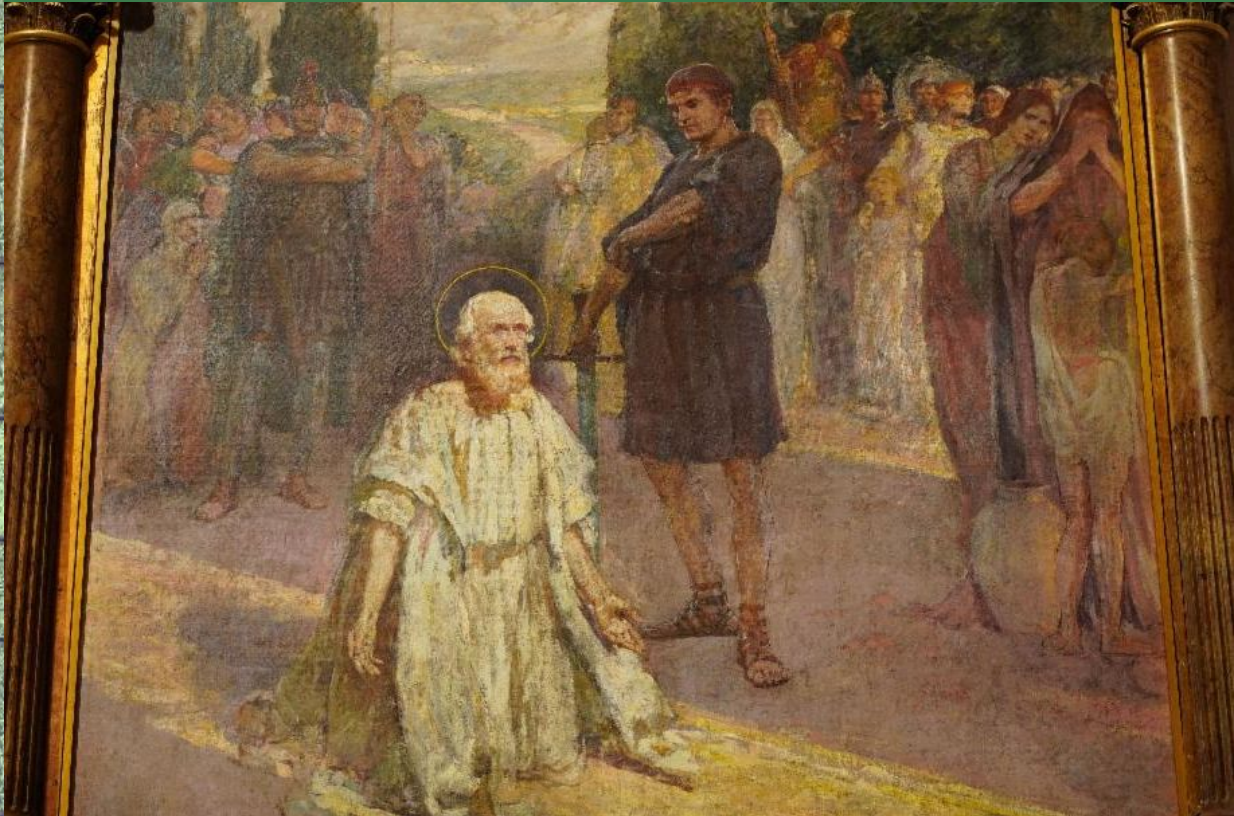


October 26th, 2023



The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Pastor's Column

Trust in institutions is at an all-time low these days, and it is not just among the younger set. There is deep skepticism about the value of church, politics, business, bowling leagues, you name it. Certainly watching the activity on Capitol Hill the last few weeks wouldn't disabuse anyone of their feelings on government. Then there are the tragic failings of our Church with the clergy abuse scandals, the shock waves of which still reverberate among us.

Further, it seems we are less able to deal with disagreements and conflicts that naturally occur when human beings gather. In a world filled with mysteries, some people are so convinced of the truth of what they read on the internet or TV, they don't realize how insane they can sound. (Sorry, I am venting from an experience at a recent family gathering.) Is it that we have lost the skills to manage conflict or is there no longer the good will and charity to engage people when we don't agree? Whatever is going on, for as much as people may not want to engage with institutions or each other, the more I hear from

individuals that they are experiencing intense loneliness and isolation. It all worries me!

As a society, we need to turn this around. While we can't solve all the conflict and division in the world, we can address this issue in our parish but we will need to think differently about who we are and what God is asking of us. First a little theology...

God wants all of us, everyone in the world, to live fully. God's love and plan of salvation is for all people, not a particular religion. God does not only love freely, God wants to be known and loved. This is why God revealed himself in Jesus Christ. In freedom, God seeks those with whom He can share life in love. In return, God demands a response to this love. We are called as a church and a parish to respond to God's love in thanksgiving. **Therefore, our mission as a parish is to be a true sign of God's grace and love for this world and all humankind.**

Framed this way, our mission calls us to love like God loves: to be inclusive as God is inclusive; to go to the peripheries, to the poor; and to realize that the tradition of the Church grows and adapts as society changes. With this perspective, a parish can provide stability, allow intergenerational and intercultural dialogue, and provide a place to call home in a big city. It can also form community-minded people who can create a culture of care and concern for the wider neighborhood and world. Pope Francis calls a parish "A school of love to a diverse community of faith."

Who doesn't want to be a part of a "school of love"? I hope this way of thinking about mission can give you and me a fresh perspective that can animate conversations that bring us together.

The best way to jump start this is by inviting you, once again, to attend one of our Town Hall Meetings coming up in early November:

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

[Here is the link to RSVP.](#) It might cure your institutional bias.

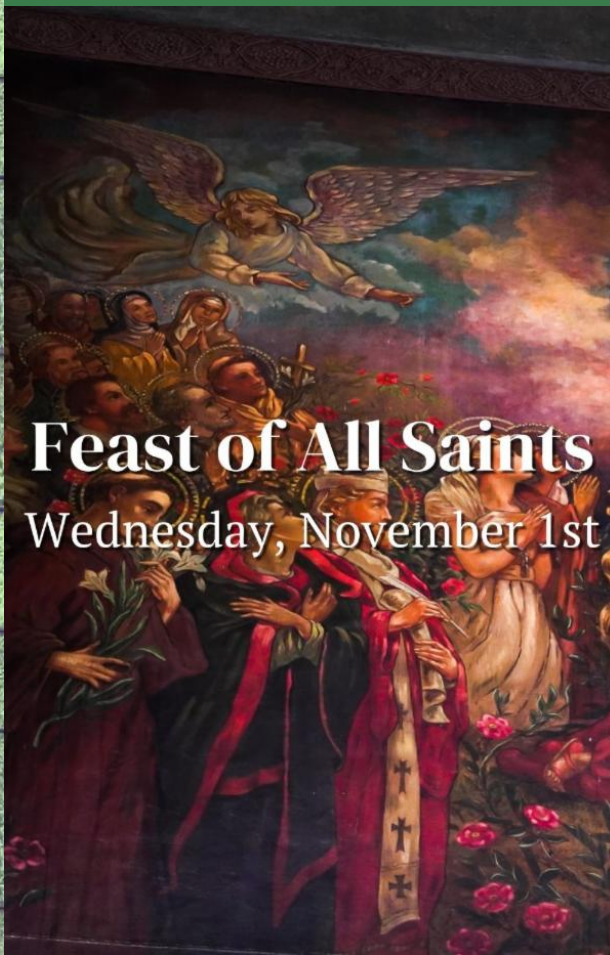
Until then, peace and blessings,

Fr. Eric



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

Special Announcements



Feast of All Saints
Wednesday, November 1st



Feast of All Souls
Thursday, 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.

All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation; we will hold masses at 7:30AM, 12:10PM, and 6:30PM.

On All Souls' Day, we will hold masses at 7:30AM, 12:10PM, and 6:30PM.

On both days, 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.



Paul Taylor Dance Company - SOLD OUT

Thanks to everyone who expressed interest in attending the Paul Taylor Dance Company's upcoming performance in Lincoln Center, all of our tickets have been reserved!

If you happened to miss this offer these past few weeks, fret not! You can put your name on our waitlist [by filling out our sign-up form here](#) in case any current reservations are cancelled or new tickets are released to us.

Around the Parish



Last Sunday, composer M. Roger Holland II debuted his latest mass setting, *Voice of My People*, to a packed church - a wonderful sight to see at any mass! Our St. Paul's choir joined forces with many talented singers from around the five boroughs to proclaim a fresh and vibrant offering of liturgical music. Listen in by clicking the video above!



Upcoming Events

OUT AT SAINT PAUL **COMMUNITY SERVICE SPIRITUALITY**
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OSP Halloween Party

Following the 5 PM Mass on Sunday, October 29th, join OSP members in the Parish Center for a fun and frightful Halloween party! Games, light snacks, themed drinks and fellowship await. Costumes are welcome, but not required ... but highly encouraged.

Author Talk: William Glenn

Join OSP Members on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center for a discussion of *I Came Here Seeking a Person: A Vital Story of Grace* with the author, William Glenn.

Recently published by Paulist Press, the book is a contemporary account of a spiritual journey by a sober, gay, ex-Jesuit clinician and community leader writing at the complicated intersection of faith, psychology, sexuality, culture, and exponential social change. The book's themes are both "of the moment" and universal; they are difficult, and yet hopeful.

We look forward to seeing you there!



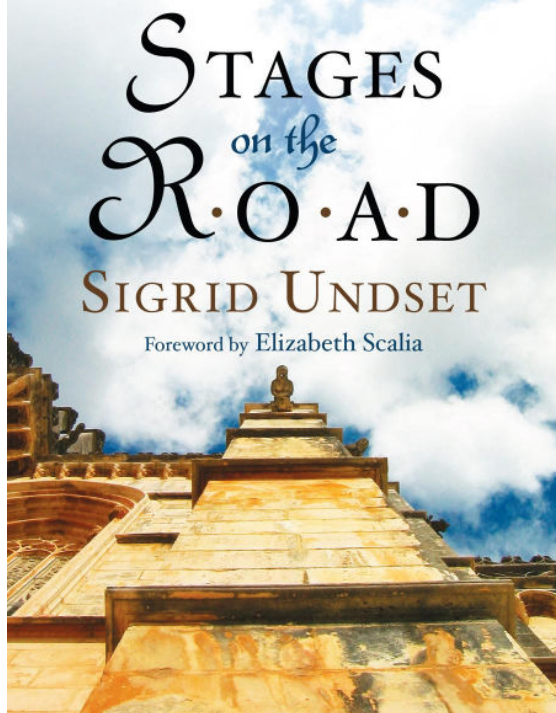
After Mass Social: Halloween, Day of the Dead, and the Catholic Church!

Join us after the 5pm mass this Sunday, October 29th for an evening of food, crafts, and a discussion on the celebration of "Allhallowtide."

Interested in Bible Study?

Following the parish's Summer of Scripture, we are thinking about how we may bring back Apostolist Bible Study. Are you interested in participating? If so, please fill out this brief survey so we can plan a program that makes the most sense for our community: <https://forms.gle/v9tC5AXidHiFir5s6>. Thank you!

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.

NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023

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DURING SATURDAY 5PM MASS

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CLIMATE DISCUSSION GROUP

Meetings at 7:00PM
NOVEMBER 14TH
NOVEMBER 28TH
DECEMBER 5TH
DECEMBER 13TH
in the Parish Center



Contact Fr. James DiLuzio with any questions
at lukelive@lukelive.com

Have you been waiting to see what we at St. Paul the Apostle can do to address Global Warming and the Climate Crisis? Join us for 4 sessions to discern how we may advance and implement Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and his recent exhortation Laudate Deum (October 4, 2023).

We will meet on November 14th, 28th, December 5th, and December 13th in the Parish Center from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. Copies of Pope Francis encyclical and exhortation are available at no cost through the Vatican's archives; you can read them by clicking the links below:

[Laudato Si' \(2015\)](#)
[Laudate Deum \(2023\)](#)

Sign up for our first discussion [by filling out this form](#). We will cover 2 chapters of Laudato Si' in each session, reserving Laudate Deum for the last. Send any comments and questions you have to Fr. James DiLuzio, CSP no later than Monday, November 13; he can be reached via email at lukelive@lukelive.com.

If you would like more inspiration, [watch the documentary THE LETTER \(2022\)](#), which we screened several weeks ago at the church.

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!"
Psalm 118: 24



SAVE THE DATE

We've got something BIG in store for Christmas! More details to come....



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](#)

Holy Humor



"Please rise."

Prayer Requests



Grant eternal rest to Ramon M. Perez Del Orbe, Kari Guercio, Larry Coleman,

Norma Ramos Sanchez, Valerie M. Hicks, Lorraine L. San Filippo, Imogene Regan, Ann P. Kelly, Lorna Marin, Larry Coleman, William T. Hughes, John Jesse Wilkins, and the deceased of the Engelhart family.

Grant health or healing to Lee Jacobson, Dr. Timothy Putty, Diane & Bill Lyndon, Antoinette Cinturati, Vanessa Belsito, Denise Abady, Claudia Morgan, Christopher Henderson, Deacon Wally Valderama, Deacon Wally Sandoval, Dilaria Ayse Osman, Joan McGrew, Keon Whyte, Maria Farrel, and Sofia Salazar.

Grant peace and well-being to Elise Wilkins, Donna Marie Henderson, Hilda Ojeda, Damianus Aditya Christie, James Golka, Andrew R. Moynihan, the Wilkins family, 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 27th

7:30AM + William Hughes
12:10PM + Fausto Manalili

Saturday, October 28th

9:00AM + Fausto Manalili
5:00PM + Nancy Corsino

Sunday, October 29th

8:00AM + Edward Hudson
10:00AM + Larry Coleman
12:30PM - For the People
5:00PM + Bonifacio Carungay

Monday, October 30th

7:30AM + Elaine Viola
12:30 PM - Marina & Michael Gonzales

Tuesday, October 31st

7:30AM - Salvatore T. Calio
12:10PM + Anna Hyams

Wednesday, November 1st

7:30AM + Esther Loanzon
12:10PM + Celida Medina

Thursday, November 2nd

7:30AM + Lype O'Dell
12:10PM + Paulina & Miguel Lagman

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

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.

This weeks altar flowers were generously donated in loving memory of Larry Coleman with heartfelt prayers for Ellen Gallagher.

[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.



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