

November 16th, 2023



The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

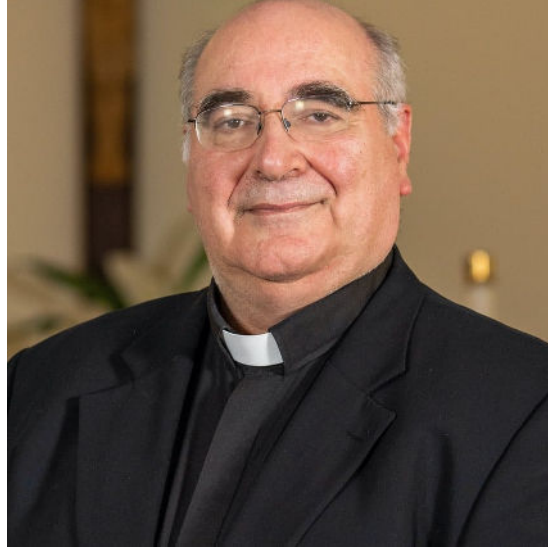
## The Pastor's Column



**Breaking News!** The Sainthood Cause of Servant of God Isaac Hecker, Founder of the Paulist Fathers and Founding Pastor of St. Paul's has taken an important step forward. The Bishops of the United States during their November Plenary Assembly voted almost unanimously Tuesday to support the advancement of the cause of beatification and canonization.

In presenting Fr. Hecker's cause for sainthood, Cardinal Timothy Dolan called Father Hecker "a son of our shores, a saint for our times."

"Like those Apostles on Pentecost Sunday, he (Father Hecker) was on fire to share this (the claims of Catholicism) with everyone for the rest of his life," he said. "Two-fold was his purpose: To make the Catholic faith appealing and accessible and compelling to a skeptical, and at times hostile, population, and then to educate and encourage Catholics in their own faith, enabling them to become ambassadors for Christ." We are grateful for Cardinal Dolan's enthusiastic support of the Cause of Fr. Hecker!



Paulist Father Ron Franco, the postulator overseeing this phase of the cause, worked tirelessly to move this process forward. Reflecting on Fr. Hecker's life he said: "Father Hecker was someone who, like many people today, was spiritual but not religious for the first 25 years of his life, but then he found what he was looking for, and then he devoted the rest of his life to sharing what he found with the rest of his countrymen."

This was an important milestone in Fr. Hecker's sainthood cause that began in 2008. Father Ron says that theologians are currently evaluating Father Hecker's copious writings, and it may be a while before the cause is ready to advance to Rome. If the cause progresses, the pope would declare him "venerable." If a recognized miracle was attributed to his intercession, he could be beatified, and then with a second approved miracle, canonized.



We need a miracle! Make a point of visiting Fr. Hecker's Tomb in the back of the Church. (You've passed it a million times). Ask for his intercession! You have a connection with this fellow New Yorker as a member of the parish he loved so deeply. In addition, he was a survivor of smallpox as a child, a son of immigrants, a searcher, a convert to Catholicism as a young adult, a champion of media and publishing to spread the Gospel, and a sufferer of Leukemia and

depression. Certainly, Fr. Hecker the good pastor would understand the challenges of life, as well as the complexities of living in America, having ministered during the tumult of the Civil War.

To learn more about Fr. Hecker go to: [www.paulist.org/hecker](http://www.paulist.org/hecker). In the New Year, I'll invite Fr. Ron to talk further about this truly unique New Yorker who is a Saint in the making, in our own midst!

Blessings,

Fr. Eric



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

## Special Announcements



### Mustard Seed Guild - Chuck the Giving Turkey

Chuck the Giving Turkey is back for his 20th appearance this weekend,

November 18th and 19th!

During this season of gratitude, we ask, once again for your generosity on behalf of the [Mustard Seed Homes for Abandoned and Disabled Children](#) in Nicaragua and Dominican Republic.

Your contributions enable the homes to provide basic needs such as clothing, food and diapers for the more than 130 severely disabled children -- many who are now adults -- who have a home for life.

Multitudes of thanks in advance for your ongoing prayers and support.

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THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES CAMPAIGN FOR  
**Charity + Justice**

*"Stretch Forth your Hand to the Poor"*



This weekend, we will hold a second collection for [The Campaign for Charity and Justice](#), an initiative run by Catholic Charities to revitalize, increase, and support works of charity by local parishes in NYC.

Funds raised through the Campaign provide grants to parish and community groups to further the social ministry of the Church in the Archdiocese of New York. Awards are made to projects that are founded on the core Catholic belief in the dignity of each person, as made in the image of God, and seek to advance Catholic Charities' mission to build a more just and compassionate society.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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Next Thursday, November 23rd, is Thanksgiving!

**We will hold one mass on Thanksgiving Day at 11:00AM-** right after Santa has finished his jaunt down Central Park West in the parade. This mass will be live-streamed to our [website](#), our [YouTube page](#), and our [Facebook page](#).

**We will also hold one mass on Friday, November 24th at 10:00AM.** This mass will not be live-streamed.

To allow our staff time to give thanks with their loved ones, St. Paul's will only be open during mass on the 23rd and 24th. Our Parish Center will be closed both days, too.

## Parish Spotlight



¡Our 4th and final Town Hall en Español fue maravilloso! Thanks to all from the

community who showed up to give their essential feedback on improving our parish.



### ***A Year to Treasure 2024 Calendar***

Fr. Eric's 2024 Calendar is available for purchase now in the Welcome Center Bookstore, and [online at our St. Paul's Bookstore website](#). Each page features gorgeous idyllic pictures taken by our pastor during his walks around the city (and beyond) that are sure to spark joy in your day. The calendar makes a great gift to your loved ones - and to yourself - plus all of the proceeds from sales directly help to support our parish.

[\*\*Click here to order your copy now!\*\*](#)



## Upcoming Events

# LAUDATO SI' 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](mailto: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 our upcoming sessions to discern how we may advance and implement Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and his recent exhortation Laudate Deum (October 4,

2023).

Our next meeting will be held on November 28th 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 \(2023\)](#)

We will cover 2 chapters of Laudato Si' in each session, reserving Laudate Deum for the last - next meeting will cover chapters 3 and 4 of Laudato Si'. Send any comments and questions you have to Fr. James DiLuzio, CSP; he can be reached via email at [lukelive@lukelive.com](mailto:lukelive@lukelive.com).

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## Apostolist Friendsgiving

Enjoy the festive spirit of the season and join us on **Wednesday, November 29th at 6:30PM** for a post-Thanksgiving potluck! Share your favorite dish and any Advent plans!

[Please RSVP here](#) and let us know what you'll bring.

## SAVE THE DATE: Advent Mini-Retreat

Mark your calendars! Our **Apostolist Advent retreat** will take place on **Saturday, December 9** (before the Second Sunday of Advent). More info coming soon!

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## All Souls Remembrance Board

In our Sacred Heart Memorial Chapel, photos of our beloved deceased will be on display throughout the month of November alongside the Book of Names. This remembrance board will remain in the chapel for prayer and reflection until November 30th. We hope you'll stop by for a few minutes of quiet reflection in the coming weeks.

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# Christmas Time in the City

Produced and Music Directed  
by Joey Chancey



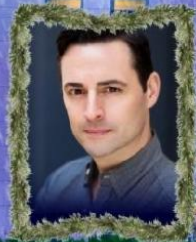
**Kerry Butler**  
Beetlejuice



**David Damane**  
The Unsinkable  
Molly Brown



**George Abud**  
The Band's Visit



**Max von Essen**  
An American in Paris



**Jason Danieley**  
The Full Monty



**Khea Blackhurst**  
Party Face



**Mikaela Bennett**  
West Side Story



**Elizabeth Stanley**  
Jagged Little Pill



**Nikki Renee Daniels**  
Company



**Benjamin Pajak**  
The Music Man



**Dorcas Leung**  
Hamilton



**Jason Gotay**  
Gossip Girl

Celebrate the magic that lights up  
the city at Christmas with  
12 Broadway stars, a 25-piece  
orchestra, and a 70-voice chorus

**December 7th at 8pm**  
at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle

[www.christmastimeinthecity.org](http://www.christmastimeinthecity.org)

The Church of St. Paul the Apostle will present New York's newest holiday tradition, *Christmas Time in the City*, a holiday concert celebrating the magic that lights up the city at Christmas. Using the backdrop of our beautiful, historic church, the evening features new, Broadway-style arrangements of beloved Christmas music performed by Broadway stars, a 25-piece orchestra,

and a 70-voice, cross-borough community chorus.

The stars include George Abud (*The Band's Visit*), Mikaela Bennett (*West Side Story*), Klea Blackhurst (*Party Face*), Kerry Butler (*Beetlejuice*), David Damane (*The Unsinkable Molly Brown*), Jason Daniele (*The Full Monty*), Nikki Renee Daniels (*Company*), Jason Gotay (*Gossip Girl*), Dorcas Leung (*Hamilton*), Benjamin Pajak (*The Music Man*), Elizabeth Stanley (*Jagged Little Pill*), and Max Von Essen (*An American in Paris*).

The concert is produced by our very own Joey Chancey who also serves as musical director. Jack Cummings III directs; Hannah Oren is creative producer.

*Christmas Time in the City* will be performed Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 8pm. Tickets, which are on sale now, start at \$50. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [christmastimeinthecity.org](http://christmastimeinthecity.org), or click the button below!

[Get Tickets](#)



## COMING SOON: Giving Tree 2023

Every year, our Giving Tree helps to spread Christmas cheer to those in need!

Soon, our Giving Tree will be placed in the back of the church adorned with gift tags naming some items on the wish-lists of foster care children and teens at Abbott House, Catholic Guardian Services, and seniors at Encore Seniors. If you'd like to help, grab a tag and bring the gift listed on it unwrapped to our Parish Center before Sunday, December 17th.

While the tree isn't out just yet, it'll be up in the back of the church after

Thanksgiving. More info to come!

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## Fordham University Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 2nd at 7:30PM

Lessons and Carols is back at St. Paul's with a program full of joyous music and reflection. Join us for the annual celebration of the season with the combined University choirs, dancers from the Ailey/Fordham B.F.A. in Dance, and the Bronx Arts Ensemble. No tickets or RSVP required!

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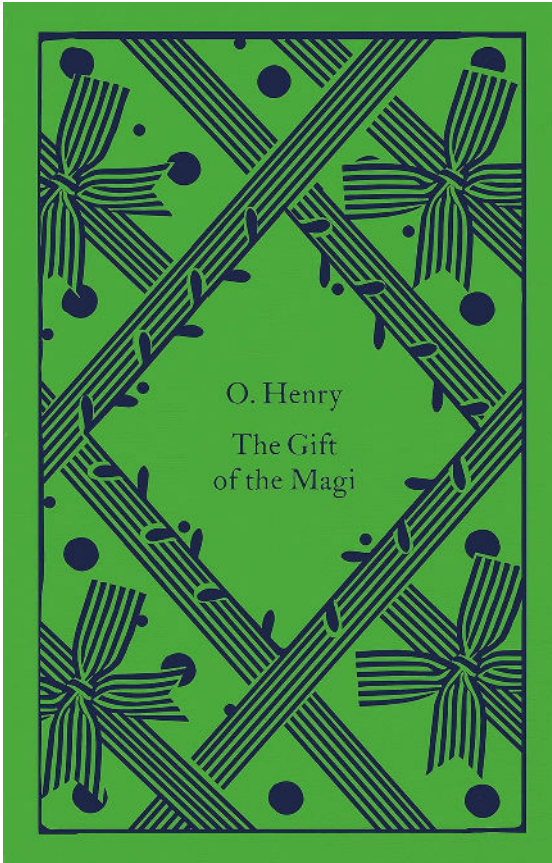


## Notre Dame Christmas Concert

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.**

Tickets are selling fast, so buy yours now while they're still available! Save the date and [register for the event by clicking here](#)

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## St. Paul's Book Club

Join us via Zoom on  
**Tuesday, January 9th**  
**at 6:30PM**  
for our discussion of  
*The Gift of the Magi*  
by O. Henry

Please RSVP to  
[welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org](mailto:welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org) to  
receive our meeting link!

O. Henry is one of the most popular American writers of the twentieth century and a true master of the short story. This selection of tales ranges from Christmas in New York to the cattle-lands of Texas, taking in con men, clerks, shop assistants, tramps and tricksters. They all highlight O. Henry's comic eye, his gift for evoking speech and setting, and his unique approach to life's quirks of fate.

**Holy Humor**



## Prayer Requests



**Grant eternal rest** to 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, Reginald & Torrance Jean Black, Christine Resman, Geraldine Gillen, Anna Loiacono, Igor Mencos, Luis Raul Ortiz, and the deceased of the Engelhart family.

**Grant health or healing** to Claudia Morgan, Christopher Henderson, Donna Marie Henderson, Deacon Wally Valderama, Deacon Wally Sandoval, Dilaria Ayse Osman, Joan McGrew, Keon Whyte, Maria Farrel, Sofia Salazar, Myrna Seangio, Eileen Schreiber, Jon Detrow, Josephine Andrews, Andrew R. Moynihan, Eileen Kent, Evangelina Villaraza, Grace Pettijohn, Archdeacon Fr.

Michael Suvak, Archimandrite Fr. Christopher Calin, Fr. Nicholas Garklavs, Bishop Nikodhim Preston, Teddy Suvak, Tripp Jones, Anne Troy, Ashley Oken, Isaac Morales, Alex Nelson, Alexandra Evans, Ariela G., and Sara Lissa Paulsson.

Grant peace and well-being to Elise Wilkins, 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, November 17th

7:30AM † Maurice Sayegh  
12:10PM † Jack Cahill

### Saturday, November 18th

9:00AM † Patrick Murphy  
5:00PM † Gavino C. Abaya, III

### Sunday, November 19th

8:00AM † Millie Mazzella  
10:00AM † Peter Sohn  
12:30PM - For the People  
5:00PM † Gladys Fabre

### Monday, November 20th

7:30AM † Deceased of the Baker Family  
12:10 PM - Gelormino Family

### Tuesday, November 21st

7:30AM † Anna Palmieri  
12:10PM - Roman & Luba Ostapiak Family

### Wednesday, November 22nd

7:30AM † Margaret D. Holley  
12:10PM † Dr. Clement Ares

### Thursday, November 23rd

11:00AM - David Fridman

## 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 Patrick Desmond Murphy.



[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](http://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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