

November 9th, 2023



The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Pastor's Column

Christmas Time in the City

I am excited to share with you that we are launching a wonderful, new Christmas tradition at St. Paul's. On Thursday, December 7th at 8:00 pm, we will premiere **CHRISTMAS TIME IN THE CITY**, a festive yuletide concert featuring our wonderful choir, a full orchestra, and 12 Stars from the Broadway Stage, under the direction of Joey Chancey, our Director of Music.

The Broadway Artists include **George Abud, Mikaela Bennett, Klea Blackhurst, Kerry Butler, La Chanze, David Damone, Jason Daniele, Christine Ebersole, Jason Gotay, Dorcas Leung, Benjamin Pajak and Max Von Essen**. With a line up like this, I am sure Santa Claus will want to drop in as well!

This event has already received good press in playbill.com and will be the talk of the town before too long! To secure your ticket to this event go to:

www.christmastimeinthecity.org. Seats have been selling briskly already!

This is a massive undertaking. If you would like to help sponsor this event, I invite you to join other parishioners who have stepped up to make this possible. Contact me and I will let you know what our fundraising needs are for this event. With all of us pulling together, I hope this will be the first of many BIG EVENTS at St. Paul's that extend the Spirit of our Parish to our neighbors and beyond.

There are more Advent & Christmas Events at St. Paul's. On Saturday, December 2nd we will host the annual Fordham University Christmas Concert. For you Golden Dome folks, on Wednesday, December 20th the Notre Dame Glee Club and Symphony Orchestra will perform here as well. Of course, there will be wonderful music and fun surprises at our Christmas Eve Children's Pageant at 5pm and the Christmas Concert at 11pm, which will be the prelude to Midnight Mass. The Mass Schedule for the Christmas Season will be announced shortly.

I know I know... We aren't even close to Thanksgiving yet. But I know you New Yorkers. You arrange your social calendars and entertainment schedules way in advance. So, make sure St. Paul's is a part of your December Plans!

Fr. Eric



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



Christmas Eve

in the City

12 Broadway Stars

25 Musicians

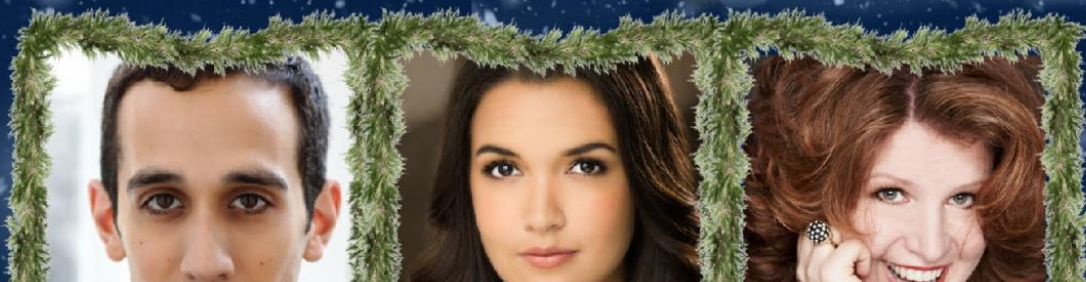
70 Voice Choir

perform your holiday favorites!

December 7, 8pm

St. Paul the Apostle Church, Columbus Circle

Featuring





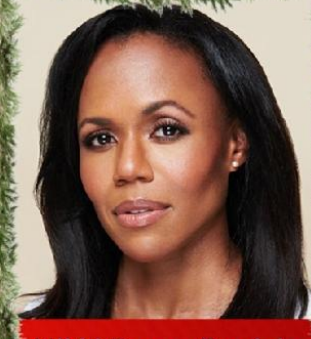
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Mikaela Bennett

Klea Blackhurst



Kerry Butler



Nikki Renee Daniels



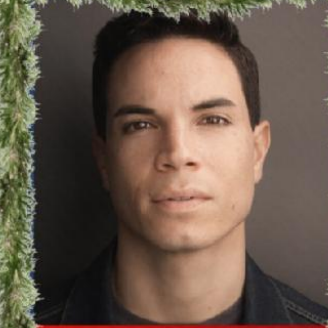
David Damane



Jason Danieleley



Christine Ebersole



Jason Gotay



Dorcas Leung



Benjamin Pajak



Max Von Essen

Executive Produced & Conducted by *Joey Chancey*

Creative Producer *Hannah Oren*

Directed by *Jack Cummings III*

Get Tickets

Special Announcements



Every month, we host a Welcome Weekend at St. Paul's so parishioners can get to know their neighbor in the pews a little better. Join us after any mass this Saturday, November 11th and Sunday, November 12th in the back of the church for some light refreshments and great company. A special thanks to the Apostolist ministry, our group for young Catholics, for sponsoring this month's Welcome Weekend.

We'll see you there!



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Next weekend - the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary time - 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.

Parish Spotlight



On the lefthand side of our high altar is a beautiful mosaic of two angels with a young Christ in their midst. Perhaps you've noticed it before, but given its placement, many of you may be seeing it for the first time here.

The mosaic, executed with remarkable skill by Ukrainian artist [Oksana Prokopenko](#), and the guardian angels depicted therein has been imbued with an additional sense of meaning in this time of unimaginable suffering in

Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Our heart breaks with each new story coming out of Israel and Palestine; deep unrest stirs in the Caucuses, Sudan, and Ethiopia; after dozens of bloody months, war still rages in Ukraine. The parents and siblings of Miss Prokopenko currently live in Kiev, never knowing what each day will bring them.



In light of this, we wanted to draw attention to this piece of art much as we have turned our hearts in prayer to the guardian angels that protect all those suffering in war throughout the world. At the center of it all, we pray for Christ's peace to reign where man has sown division.



Thanks to all of the parishioners that attended our first (hopefully of many) Parish Town Hall Meeting last Sunday in the Parish Center. In addition to your invaluable input, we hope you had a fruitful afternoon of connecting with fellow parishioners united in the goal of making St. Paul's the best spiritual home it can be.

Did you miss this meeting? We're having another Town Hall meeting TONIGHT at 7PM via Zoom; [reach out to Fr. Eric at his e-mail](#) here if you'd like to tune in and make your voice heard! We will also hold a third session this Sunday, November 12th at 1:30 pm, conducted en Español.



A special congratulations to Fr. Rene Constanza, President of the Paulist Fathers, for completing his first marathon this past Sunday! He ran the race,

completed the course, and kept the faith (to quote St. Paul!) Before doing so, Fr. Rene also offered a blessing to hundreds of FDNY personnel that gathered in the church's auditorium before the race.

We also want to extend our congratulations and well-wishes to all parishioners who ran in or volunteered at the marathon, too. We hope you've been enjoying a long rest this week!



We were blessed to welcome several more catechumens into our OCIA program this Sunday, and to start a few more candidates on their way into full

communion with Christ's church. Please pray for them as they continue down the long (and exciting) road to Easter!



SPONSOR A NEW CATHOLIC



What to Expect

- Join for November sessions, 11:30 AM to 1 PM
- After pairing with a sponsee, attend and check in once a month with sponsee
- Participate in liturgy and enjoy fresh catechesis
- Ideally, attend Easter Vigil

Any fully-initiated Catholic can serve as an OCIA sponsor

Questions? Contact Dave at
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@stpaultheapostle.org

About OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), also called the Catechumenate or Adult Initiation, is our parish's ministry that invites, accompanies, and prepares new adult Catholics. OCIA not only makes **new** Catholics, but often **renews** the faith of existing Catholics by deepening our participation in liturgy and our appreciation for the treasures of our faith. This is a great way to build community, grow in faith, and to experience the liturgical year like never before.

School is Still Open for Catholic Sponsors

Because the cohort this year is large, we will be in need of additional people to potentially serve as sponsors. This is a wonderful opportunity to not only deepen your faith but also to build community by supporting one of our catechumens and candidates. You do not need any special knowledge or training: you only need to be a fully initiated Catholic who is excited to share, to learn, and to build faith. Please contact Dave de la Fuente, our head of OCIA, at david.de.la.fuente@stpaultheapostle.org to learn more about the possibilities.

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**

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*



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!



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.



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!

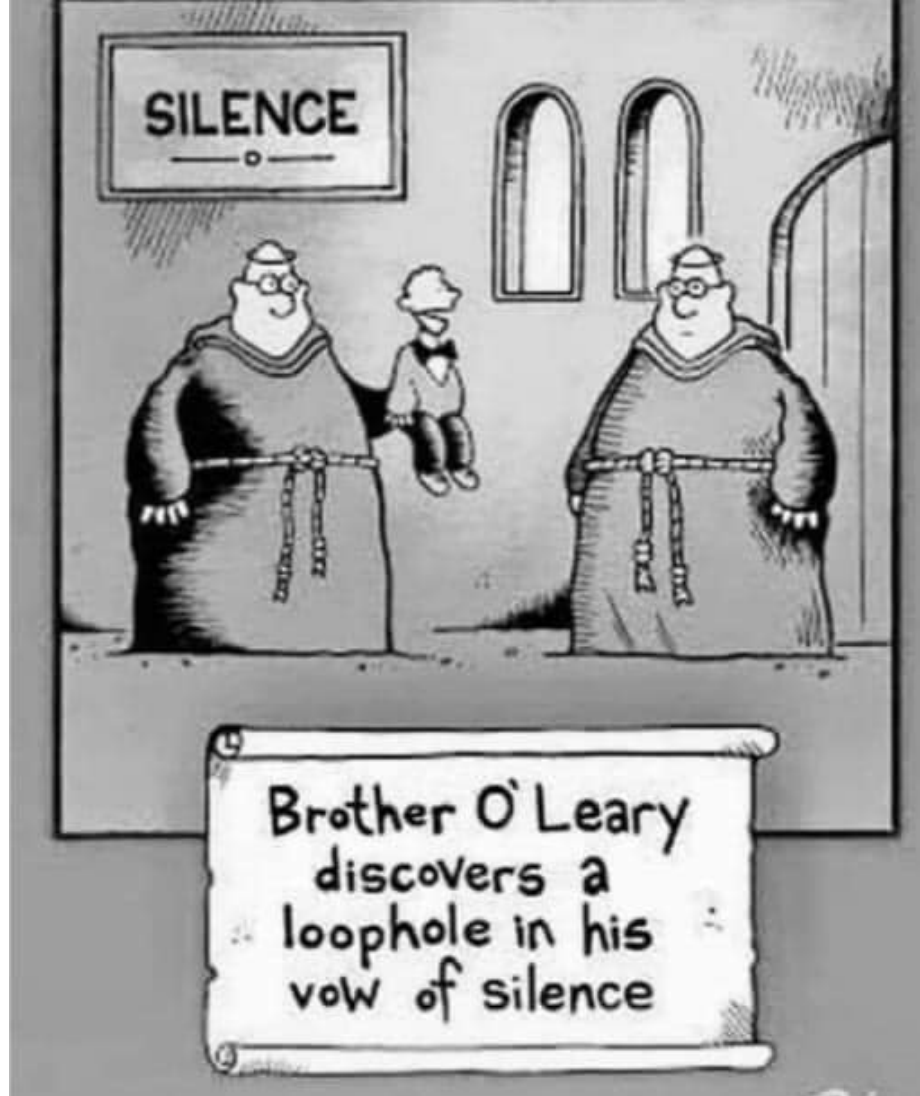


A Sneak Preview of Christmas: The Notre Dame Christmas Concert!

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



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 10th

7:30AM † Alice Pietrowski

12:10PM † Thomas & Bernedette McHugh

Saturday, November 11th

9:00AM † Jean Redmond

5:00PM † Michael R. Williams

Sunday, November 12th

8:00AM † Fatima Joseline Nuñez

10:00AM † Unesta Conyette

12:30PM - For the People

5:00PM - Marie Beth Maquiran

Monday, November 13th

7:30AM † Jean Abel Jean-Louis

& Valmina Duplan Families

12:10 PM - James Gelormino

Tuesday, November 14th

7:30AM † Alicia Abat

12:10PM † Angel Rafael Gomez

Wednesday, November 15th

7:30AM † Ana Julia Nuñez

12:10PM - Kennedy Arizaga

Thursday, November 16th

7:30AM † Deceased of the Previl

& Seide Families

12:10PM † John Merrick

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 Kyle Mulrooney.

[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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