

November 30th, 2023



First Sunday of Advent



Welcome Home Deacon Chris Lawton, CSP!

Happy New Church Year! I will postpone my Advent reflection for a week so I can bring you more **BREAKING NEWS**.

Paulist Deacon Chris Lawton will be joining the pastoral staff of St. Paul's January 15, 2024, through his ordination to the priesthood on May 18, 2024. Deacon Chris was ordained a transitional deacon this past September with his classmate **Deacon Dan Macalinao, CSP**. Both deacons were parishioners at our parish before joining the Paulist Fathers.

While Deacon Chris is with us, he will be completing his program of formation. We will be assisting in this process by having him intersect with all aspects of parish life and giving him the opportunity to lead us in prayer and worship to the extent he is able. A deacon assists the pastor by proclaiming the Gospel and preaching at Mass, marrying couples (outside of Mass), baptizing babies and adults, and offering blessings. He'll have to wait to say Mass, hear

confessions, and anoint the sick and the dying. One step at a time! Your support of him with prayers, helpful feedback, and timely support will be invaluable as he makes this huge transition in life and vocation.

Deacon Chris is from Oconomowoc, Wisconsin about a thirty-minute drive west of Milwaukee. He joined the parish while attending Columbia University Medical School and became involved in many of the parish's ministries. After his residency concluded at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in Washington Heights, he moved back to Wisconsin to practice palliative care medicine and discern his vocation. In 2018, he joined the Paulist Novitiate.

According to Chris' bio on the Paulist vocation website, former St. Paul's pastor Fr. Gil Martinez had planted a seed years earlier. "I think you should be a Paulist," he had told Chris one day as they were leaving a neighborhood event. Even though there was some lighthearted deflection on Chris's part, Chris reflected: "he was speaking to something that I probably knew was there but he was putting words to it in a way that I wouldn't have been able to. And that was so meaningful."

If you want to [read more about the newest member of St. Paul's Staff, click here!](#)

I can say from my experience that Deacon Chris is an absolute delight to be with. He has a deep care and concern for others, speaks Spanish, and is always thinking creatively. He has seemingly endless energy, and an infectious laugh! This is the first time since he joined the Paulists that he will minister here. We are grateful to have him back for as long as God and Fr. René will allow!

His big debut will be the weekend of January 27-28 when he will preach the Annual Paulist Appeal. You can catch him in previews on December 17th at the 12:30pm Spanish Mass. WELCOME DEACON CHRIS! I also pleased to note that Paulist Deacon Dan Macalinao will be with us during the Christmas Season. You will no doubt see him around. WELCOME DEACON DAN, too!

Advent Blessings,

Fr. Eric



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

Special Announcements

Christmas 2023

Mass Schedule

Reconciliation Monday

Monday, December 18th

Confessions Heard From 2 PM - 4 PM, 6 PM - 8 PM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00 PM Vigil Mass*

Sunday, December 24th

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM Masses*

12:30 PM Mass (Español)

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24th

5:00 PM Vigil Mass*

11:00 PM Christmas Concert*

12:00 AM Midnight Mass*

Monday, December 25th

10:00 AM Mass*

12:30 PM Mass (Español)*

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30th

5:00 PM Vigil Mass*

Sunday, December 31st

8:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM Mass*

12:30 PM Mass (Español)*

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31st

5:00 PM Mass*

6:30 PM NY Festival Singers Concert

Monday, January 1st

10:00 AM Mass

* Livestreamed to www.stpaultheapostle.org



Giving Tree 2023: OUT NOW

For many years now, the Church of St. Paul the Apostle has remembered those in need at Christmas through the Giving Tree. This year, the gifts will go to foster care children and teens at Abbott House, Catholic Guardian Services, and seniors at Encore Seniors.

Giving is easy! You can donate online via our charity registries, or visit our tree in the back of the church at the end of the month to grab a gift tag. Make sure to order from the online registry OR drop off your unwrapped items at the Parish Center by **Sunday, December 17th** to ensure your gift arrives by Christmas!

To donate online or learn more about our charities, [visit our Giving Tree website here](#). Thank you for your generosity!



Due to your feedback - and a sold-out house - we are adding livestreaming to our Christmas Time in the City concert on Thursday, December 7th, and tickets are now available for \$34.95.

To get your livestream tickets, go to www.christmastimeinthecity.org and click "Buy Tickets Now", or click the button below! Shortly before the performance, you will be sent a private streaming link to view the performance live, through midnight on Friday, December 8th.

[Get Tickets](#)

Find more info about the concert below:

Christmas Time in the City

Produced and Music Directed
by Joey Chancey



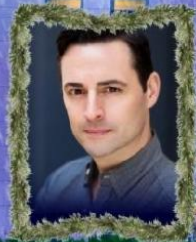
Kerry Butler
Beetlejuice



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

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.

Parish Spotlight



Our Apostolist and OSP ministries held a joint "Friendsgiving" potluck yesterday evening in the Parish Center. Thanks to everyone who joined us to ring in Advent with some fun and fellowship!



Lots of bread was broken at St. Paul's this week! On Tuesday, we hosted this month's meeting of the local deanery. Priests from many parishes south of 96th Street were invited to share a meal and discuss the diocese as we move into a new liturgical year. Keep them in your prayers as we head into the busy Advent season!



A Year to Treasure 2024 Calendar

Now that it's Advent, we're officially allowed to share a suggestion for this year's Christmas gifts! 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!](#)



Upcoming Events



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!



Church Tour with Apostolists

Meet us at the back of the church this Sunday, December 3rd, after 5 PM Mass for a tour of our historic spiritual home! Whether you a new parishioner or have been coming to St. Paul's for years, this will be a great opportunity to discover and rediscover the church's beautiful art and architecture. Bring your questions!

Virtual Bible Study Monday, December 4 at 6:00 PM

Join us from wherever you are this Advent for virtual Bible Study! Expect lively discussions and thoughtful reflections on this season's Gospel readings. [Please RSVP using this form](#); we will send a Zoom link to participants on Monday before the session begins. Mark your calendars for Monday, December 18 for part 2!

Advent Mini-Retreat

Join us on Saturday, December 9th this Advent as we prepare the way of the Lord as Christmas draws near! We will have a range of opportunities to reflect on scripture and pray together. The retreat will run from 10 AM - 5 PM in the Parish Center (405 W59th Street).

[Please RSVP here.](#) We are looking forward to sharing this time together!

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 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 December 5th 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 5 and 6 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.

OSP Bible Study

Join us in the Parish Center on **Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00 PM** for this month's bible study. OSP will gather for an evening of reflection, faith, and fellowship as we examine God's Word and its intersection with the LGBTQ+ community.



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**.

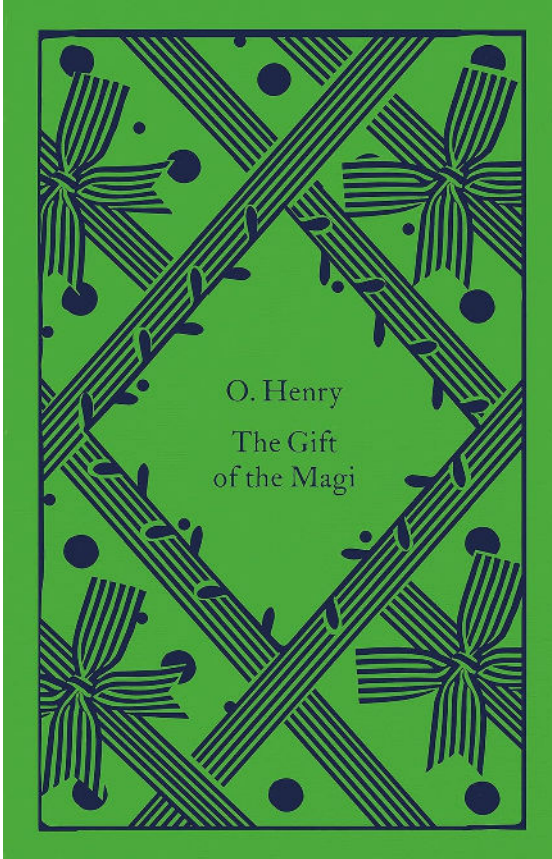
Tickets are selling fast, so buy yours now while they're still available! **Save the date and [register for the event by clicking here](#)**

St. Paul's Book Club

Join us via Zoom on
Monday, January 8th
at 6:30PM

for our discussion of
The Gift of the Magi
by O. Henry

Please RSVP to
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



Just checking in

Are you all loving one another?

Prayer Requests



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Grant eternal rest to Reginald & Torrance Jean Black, Christine Resman, Geraldine Gillen, Anna Loiacono, Igor Mencos, Luis Raul Ortiz, Sylvia Popkin, Nelly Gomez, James & Peggy John, Walter J. Yarrosh, Angelina Smith Gray, and Mario Viernes Locquiano.

Grant health or healing to 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., Sara Lissa Paulsson, Vanessa Belsito, Seamus Miller, Maureen Moriarty, Rev. Ronald Yarrosh, Samuel Perrins, Donnie Strickland, Daniel L. Rodriguez, Ricardo Cameron, Paolo Struff, Christopher Henderson, and Stephanie Boccuzzi.

Grant peace and well-being to Elise Wilkins, Hilda Ojeda, Damianus Aditya Christie, James Golka, Andrew R. Moynihan, Mary & James Miller, Mary Neven Marsh, Freda Q. Malanyaon, the Wilkins family, 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, December 1st

7:30AM - Dominador Del Rio Fermin, Jr.

12:10PM † Dominic D'Angelo

Saturday, December 2nd

9:00AM † Maria Delia Cruz

5:00PM † Maureen Bergin

Sunday, December 3rd

8:00AM - For the People

10:00AM † Daryl Smith

12:30PM † Suzanie Charles

5:00PM † Jacob Noel Rivera

Monday, December 4th

7:30AM † Hazel Louise Cardillo

12:10 PM - Walter Ostapiak

Tuesday, December 5th

7:30AM † Gloria Duran

12:10PM † Angel Rafael Gomez

Wednesday, December 6th

7:30AM † James Gray

12:10PM † James E. Gray

Thursday, December 7th

7:30AM † Margaret Hannon

12:10PM - Natalie Malon & Family

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 season's colors.

[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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