

December 28th, 2023



Feast of the Holy Family / Solemnity of Mary



On behalf of all of us at St. Paul's, thank you for a lovely Christmas! It was a pleasure to pray with you all and celebrate this most holy season together.

We hope you make it a New Years resolution to pray with us often and attend some of the exciting events we have coming up in 2024! Just in January, we have several things to look forward to:

- On Thursday, January 11th, the Openings Collective will host a reception for the opening of their latest exhibition, *Addition/Subtraction*.
- On Sunday, January 14th, acclaimed author Fr. James Martin, SJ will speak at our church to give us a behind-the-scenes look at his time as a participant in the Synod on Synodality.
- Starting January 15th, help us welcome Deacon Chris Lawton, CSP as he completes his seminary formation serving our parish.
- On Saturday, January 27th, have breakfast with Paulist Father Ron Franco and enjoy a presentation on Fr. Isaac Hecker.

More information about these events can be found below.

Finally, join us this weekend for celebrations of the Feast of the Holy Family at our Saturday 5PM, Sunday 8AM, 10AM, and 12:30PM masses; we will also

celebrate the Solemnity of Mary at our Sunday 5PM mass, and at a mass on New Year's Day at 10AM.

Please note that our church and parish center will be closed on Monday, January 1st with the exception of our 10AM mass.

Have a blessed New Year's celebration!



A Chamber Choir on New Year's Eve

Kick off your New Year's Eve celebrations at 6:30PM on Sunday, December 31st with the New York Festival Singers for a charming chamber concert! Featuring many of your favorite classical choral works. A freewill donation is encouraged for admission.



Make a Gift to St. Paul's

As the year comes to a close, please consider donating to support the work of our church.

Your support is the primary way that we can continue to serve the people of St. Paul's - we've put some information below about how you can give back if you are able to. Please remember that you can have your donations go directly to the ministry of your choice!

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](https://www.venmo.com/@stpaulsnyc) to donate now!

Parish Spotlight



Our liturgies this weekend for the Nativity of Our Lord were a beautiful celebration of the incarnation. Here are a few highlights:



At the 5PM Family Mass, our annual Christmas Pageant brought the story of the Nativity to life.



Our Midnight Mass was preceded by a beautiful concert. Our music ministry, including an orchestra and the combined choirs, performed moving and joyful music to prepare us for the Christmas celebration.

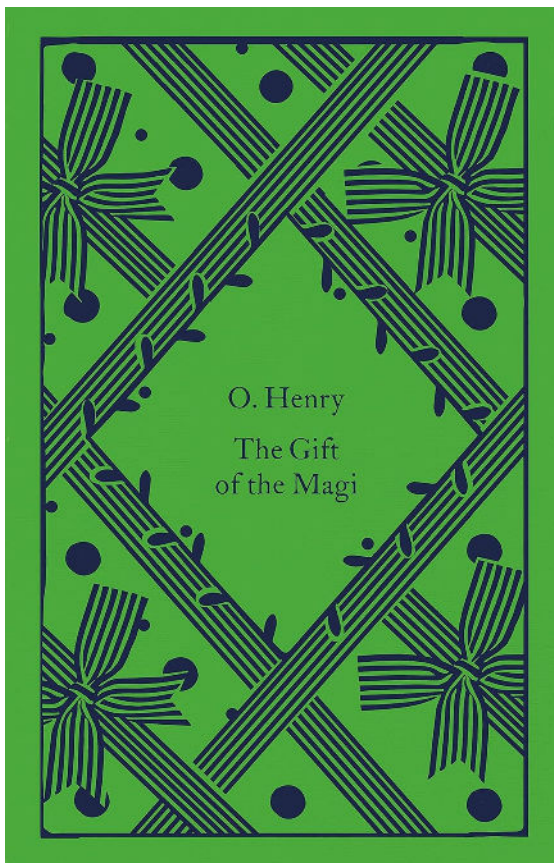


Many Paulist brothers were in attendance and joined Fr. Eric to concelebrate Midnight Mass.



Thank you all for praying with us this weekend! We hope you had a blessed Christmas. You can watch the livestream of our masses - including our Prelude concert - [on our YouTube channel here](#).

Upcoming Events

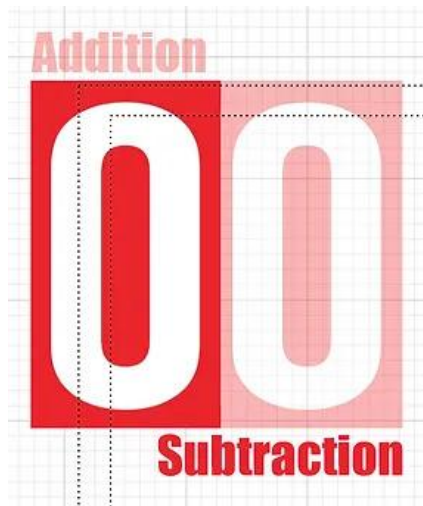


St. Paul's Book Club

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.

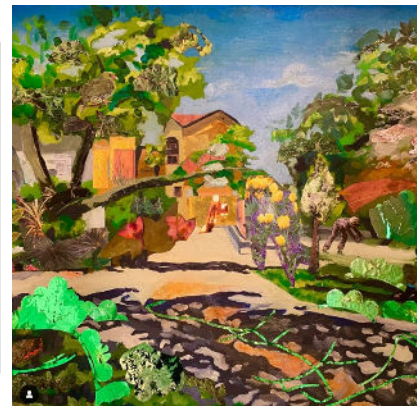


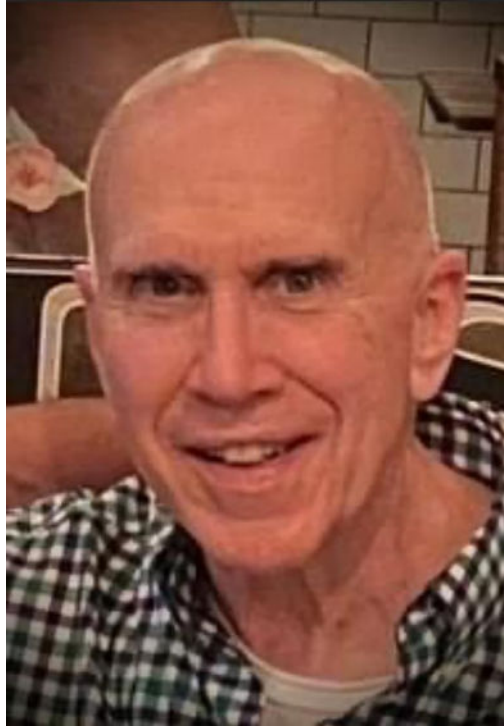
Openings Collective: Art Exhibit at St. Paul's

The Openings Collective will host a reception for the debut of their 17th Annual group exhibition, *Addition/Subtraction*, on **Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 PM in the church.**

With this year's theme, *Addition/Subtraction*, artists were asked to consider the ways in which they create. Some consider this theme from the abstract: minimize/subtract to emphasize simplicity, placing culture and meaning in their work as it relates to the greater whole. Others approached work by maximizing and highlighting their artistic, social, or political attitudes through expressions of abundance and vibrancy. Some artists saw the theme as literal: adding to their work, building up paint, ink, layers, clay, matter, emulsions, text, prose ... or creating knowing they will be removing and subtracting, reducing, and simplifying.

Check out work made by artists featured in the exhibition [on the Openings Collective Instagram here.](#)





On Friday, January 12th at 7PM, please join in the Celebration of the Life of Steven Harris, a former Paulist Father who died on November 2nd.

Steven was Associate Pastor here in the 1990s. A Memorial Service - to honor this remarkable man who gave so much to so many - will be held at St Paul's.

In lieu of any flowers, his family asks that we please consider a donation in Steven's name to [Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS](#).



Behind the Scenes at the Vatican

Fr. James Martin, SJ, will join us at 7PM on Sunday, January 14th for a talk on his time at the Synod on Synodality. The acclaimed Jesuit author and St. Paul's parishioner gives us a behind-the-scenes look at his time as a participant and share reflections on his experience at the Vatican.



Father James Martin with his fellow synod delegates at the Synod on Synodality in October

Holy Humor



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, Mario Viernes Locquiano, and Rosana Niemeyer.

Grant health or healing to 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, Stephanie Boccuzzi, Eileen Schreiber Anders Valeur, Carmine Poppiti, Keon Whyte, Susan O'Dell, Sandra Guillen, Carmen Reyes

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, Genevieve Brockway Kuhar, 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 29th

7:30AM † Terri Scully
12:10PM † Herbert & Marie Kerr

Saturday, December 30th

9:00AM † Luis Chua
5:00PM - In Honor of St. Michael

Sunday, December 31st

8:00AM † Michele Ateyeh
10:00AM † John Wilds
12:30PM - For the People
5:00PM † Carlon Box

Monday, January 1st

10:00AM † Della Caldwell

Tuesday, January 2nd

7:30AM † Thomas Cararretta, † Anna Milillo, † Charlotte Bilotti
12:10PM † Brigida Diaz & Family

Wednesday, January 3rd

7:30AM - Pope Francis
12:10PM - Thomas Janczyz

Thursday, January 4th

7:30AM - The Homeless
12:10PM † Gannon Davis

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.

This week's altar flowers are donated in loving memory of Rosa & Fued Maluf.

[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>.

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