

January 4th, 2024



## The Epiphany of the Lord



## The Pastor's Column

### New Program for the New Year!

Our New Year here at the parish is off to a fast start, and I encourage you to scroll down and sign up for Fr. Jim Martin's talk on the Synod and our "Breakfast with Fr. Hecker" presentation by Fr. Ron Franco at the end of the month, among other offerings.

I also want to call your attention to a new Bereavement Ministry at St. Paul's. This comes to us from parishioner Barbara Burns who formerly led this ministry at Holy Name Parish. She approached me this past fall about the possibility of having a ministry like this here. After meeting with her and reviewing the materials for the program, it was easy to say yes. Barbara also suggested we have the Altar of Remembrance during the month of November that was so powerful.

The experience of grief and loss is common to every human person, but when you are in the midst of it, the feelings of loneliness, sadness, anger, and isolation can be very intense, lasting far longer than the caring capacity of those around us. The good news and bad news is it is normal... Yet, sharing those feelings with a small group of people who are in the same situation, led by caring and experienced individuals, can be a precious lifeline. While the old adage "Stay Busy, It Helps" is helpful in the short term, it doesn't help us give voice to the pain and suffering we undergo in times of loss.

The first bereavement group is forming now and will begin the first week of February. It will meet once a week for six weeks in person here at the Parish. If you have experienced the death of a spouse, partner, child, or close friend in the past year and are interested in joining, please email us at [bereavement@stpaultheapostle.org](mailto:bereavement@stpaultheapostle.org) and Barbara will get back to you. Please pass this info on to anyone you know who could benefit from this ministry. If you are not ready to join at this time, be aware another six-week group will form after Easter.

Thanks again Barbara for your advocacy of this important pastoral outreach. And to all a very happy and healthy 2024!

Blessings,

*Fr. Eric*



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

## Parish Spotlight



Thanks to the New York Festival Singers and the Litha Symphony Orchestra for helping us ring in 2024 at their New Year's Eve concert!

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### **In Memoriam**

Vincent J. Daniele passed away on December 25, 2023 at the age of 76 years old, after a 15 year battle with atrial fibrillation. Vinny is survived by his beloved wife, Carol. Loving father of three children Tracy, Lisa (Anthony Ardezzone) and Dawn (James Maher). Adored grandfather of Shaun Daniele, Taylor and Caiden Maher.

Vinny loved to cook Italian food and was devoted to St. Paul's. He ran a team of volunteer chefs for the Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen and Paulist pre-ordination dinner for many years. The Christmas soup kitchen celebration was packed like an Italian feast that everyone - guests and volunteers alike - looked forward to. Vinny often brought family to help, particularly grandson Shaun and

Dawn.

He loved to tell stories about playing here as a child when he would come with his Aunt who did cooking and housekeeping for the Paulist Fathers. His father also did construction work here. Vinny rediscovered St. Paul's and the Catholic Church in 2008 when he came for a renewal of vows with his wife of 40 years, Carol.

Never without a smile or a prayer of gratitude, Vinny fed all our hearts and souls. Rest in Peace, dear friend!



In preparation for the Feast of the Epiphany, the Three Wise Men of our St. Paul's nativity have been on a long journey from the East all around New York City in search of the resting place of the north star.

[Visit our Facebook page here to follow their journey](#) and celebrate their arrival on Saturday!



# Upcoming Events



THE **CATHOLIC**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
OF AMERICA 

## **SUNDAY: Joint Second Collection for CCC and Catholic University**

This Sunday, there will be a second collection for the benefit of the Catholic Communication Campaign, and for the Catholic University of America.

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally; half of all money collected stays within our diocese.

Gifts to the Catholic University of America support their work guiding young Catholic adults; these gifts also help the University serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research and training programs.

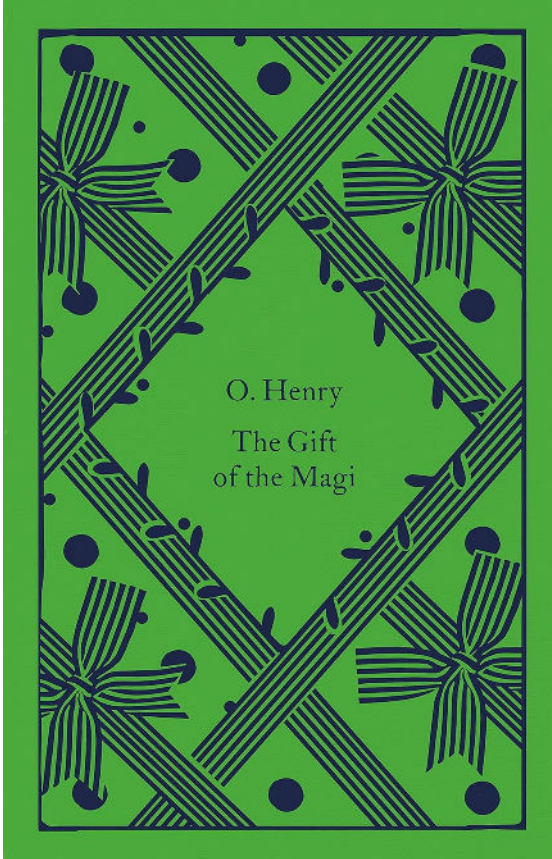
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### **St. Paul's Book Club**

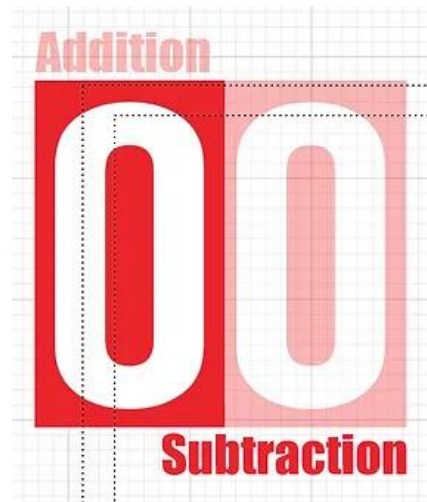
Join us via Zoom on  
**Monday, January 8th**  
**at 6:30PM**  
for our discussion of  
*The Gift of the Magi*  
by O. Henry

Please RSVP to  
[welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org](mailto:welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org) to



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.

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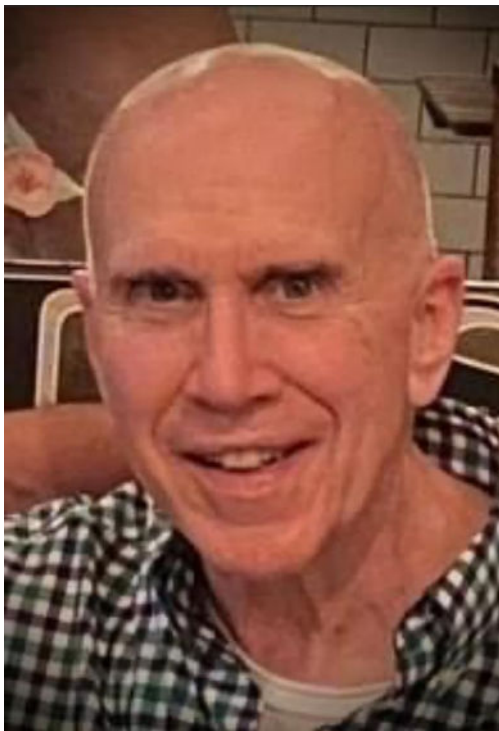
## Openings Collective: Art Exhibit at St. Paul's

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 Synod*



featuring  
Fr. James Martin, SJ

Join us in the Parish Center on Sunday, January 14th after 5PM Mass for a special talk from acclaimed Jesuit author, editor-at-large of America Magazine, and St. Paul's parishioner, Fr. James Martin.

Fr. Martin will give us a behind the scenes look at his weeks at the Vatican as a participant in the 2023 Synod on Synodality.

[Please RSVP for the event by filling out the form linked here](#) or by scanning the QR code below!







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



## **NEXT SUNDAY: Welcome Weekend**

Next Saturday and Sunday, January 13th and 14th, is our next monthly Welcome Weekend at St. Paul's!

Want to meet the folks in the pews you've sat next to but never really gotten to know? Stop by the back of the church after all of our masses to grab some refreshments and build community with your fellow parishioners.



# Confirmation

## Adult Confirmation

For a variety of reasons many of us were not confirmed as teenagers. If that's you, take this opportunity to renew your Faith.

Classes are informal scripture based reflections on catholic belief, prayer and your own journey of faith. **We meet Wednesdays at 7 pm, starting January 24th at the Parish Center (405 West 59th Street).** Our Confirmation Liturgy will be celebrated on April 20th with Bishop Espaillat.

To register for classes or get any questions answered, please reach out to associate pastor Fr. Paul Rospond; [you can find his contact information here](#).

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## Breakfast with Isaac Hecker

hosted by Fr. Ron Franco, CSP

Join the St. Paul's community and Fr. Ron Franco, CSP on **Saturday, January 27th after the 9AM mass** for a continental breakfast and a discussion on the life of Fr. Isaac Hecker. More information to come!

If you're interested in attending, [please register for free by filling out this brief form](#) so we can anticipate how much food to order! We look forward to seeing

you there.

## Holy Humor

When it's January 2nd  
and you haven't sinned all year



Prayer Requests



## Prayer Requests

**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.

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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, January 5th

7:30AM - Peace in the Middle East  
& Ukraine

12:10PM - Angelica Jones

## Saturday, January 6th

9:00AM † George Pfaff

5:00PM † Jesus Antonio Rodriguez

## Sunday, January 7th

8:00AM - For the People

10:00AM † Angeles Abat

12:30PM † Eloisa Burgos Colon

5:00PM † Igor Mencos

## Monday, January 8th

7:30AM † Iris Garcia

12:10PM † Paula Mellett

## Tuesday, January 9th

7:30AM - Concetto & Antoinette Calio

12:10PM † Steven Harris

## Wednesday, January 10th

7:30AM † Georgine Spisak

12:10PM † David Mafrici

## Thursday, January 11th

7:30AM † Ivane Previl

12:10PM † Hugo Gentile

## 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



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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## 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](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.



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