

February 1st, 2024



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Pastor's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of my sister Michele and myself, thank you so much for your many expressions of sympathy on the passing of my mother, Josephine "Jo" Andrews. She died on Thursday, January 25, The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle, the patronal feast day of our Parish and the Paulist Fathers. She battled Leukemia valiantly for over two and half years, never letting it get in the way of her active social life. When she relapsed on January 21, her death came quickly, which we expected would happen. Your prayerful support was, and still is, a profound consolation to us. There were so many prayers for Mom, I am confident she went right to heaven on a magic carpet ride, with Servant of God Isaac Hecker holding the door open!

There is a lot more I can share about my mother's life, [but it's easiest to direct you to her obituary here.](#)

Many came out to bid her farewell, including Cardinal Timothy Dolan who surprised us at the funeral home, and Fr. Paul, Fr. Evan, Deacon Chris and many Paulist Fathers who came for the wake and/or concelebrated the Funeral Mass. You were well represented and your prayers from afar were deeply felt Monday and Tuesday. Thank you for the wonderful flowers sent in your name; for members of the parish and staff who represented you at the Vigil, Mass, and burial; and for Joey Chancey and a quartet of our singers Kayleen Hecksher, Daniel Hogan, Alison McCartan, and Joey Rodriguez who praised the Lord for her life at the Funeral Mass (Pleasant Valley is still buzzing about the music!!). Thanks to all who have reached out with Mass cards, food, donations to the Paulist Appeal and the Parish in her memory, and so forth. I often joke and say I am married to St. Paul the Apostle as Pastor. At moments like this, I am deeply aware of how a parish community can really be a loving family. I am so grateful and honored to call you brothers and sisters.

Of course, I expect to experience on-going sadness and grief. Don't be surprised that in the days ahead there will be moments when I shed a tear unexpectedly or when some other stage of grief will hit me and hopefully not you! The grieving period normally lasts for at least a year when you lose a parent, spouse, or child. There is nothing you can do about it but accept it. I for one will be participant number one in our new Bereavement Group. If anyone is going through the same thing, join me by inquiring at bereavement@stpaultheapostle.org.

At the moment I remain upstate to let the dust settle, rest, and attend to some important matters. I will return to the parish on Wednesday, February 7. Until then, know of my gratitude and love.

God Bless,

Fr. Eric



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

Parish Spotlight



Annual Paulist Appeal

*Advancing God's Mission
Through Our Charism and Community*



2024



Thank you very much to everyone who already has contributed to the Annual Paulist Appeal for 2024: "Advancing God's Mission Through Our Charism and Community." We are very grateful for your support and involvement!

If you have not yet made a gift, there is certainly still time to do so!

The appeal is the Paulist Fathers' main fundraiser of the year. Funds raised are used to advance the Paulist mission priorities, including: Providing Tools for Healing Broken Relationships and Having Hard Conversations; Going Beyond the Church Walls; Inviting More Women Into Leadership and Ministry; Appreciating and Using the Gifts of People of Color in the Church; Caring for Senior Paulist Fathers; and Recruiting the Next Generation of Paulists.

To learn more about the mission priorities, or to make your gift, please see the Annual Paulist Appeal brochure at the back of the church, or visit: paulist.org/apa.

Regardless of your ability to give, please pray for the success of the appeal. Thank you again for your wonderful support of the Paulists! You and your loved ones are in our constant prayers.



Thanks to all who joined us on Saturday for "Breakfast with Isaac Hecker", hosted by Fr. Ron Franco, CSP, postulator for the cause for canonization of Servant of God Isaac Hecker.

Fr. Ron gave an engaging talk on Hecker's life and mission, shedding light on aspects of the Paulist founder's work that remain prescient and revealing even in our church today. Watch a playback of the event below!



Breakfast with
Isaac Hecker
led by Fr. Ron Franco, CSP

January 27th, 2024 at 10AM

*Notre Dame Folk Choir Alumni & Music at St. Paul's
presents*

THE SECOND ANNUAL
**SACRED SONG
IN THE CITY**

An Evening of Alleluias

featuring music by

Steven C. Warner and Karen Schneider-Kirner
Notre Dame Folk Choir Directors Emeritus

Lift up your voices for one last “Alleluia” before Lent

St. Paul's will reunite alumni of the Notre Dame Folk Choir for the second time to perform a special concert with the Music Ministry of St. Paul's. Original compositions by directors emeritus Steven C. Warner and Karen Schneider-Kirner will be featured in the concert, *Sacred Song in the City: An Evening of Alleluias*.

St. Paul's has long welcomed music by both composers into their weekly Sunday liturgies. Their songs have been composed to inspire assembly singing and have become an integral part of our worship experience. The Notre Dame Folk Choir and The Music Ministry at St. Paul's share the same love for singing and the desire to experience God together through music. The choirs will be lead and accompanied by directors Warner and Kirner, and joined by St. Paul's Director of Music, Joey Chancey.

Sacred Song in the City: An Evening of Alleluias will be presented in the

church at 7:30PM on Saturday, February 10th. Admission is free and the concert is open to the public; all are welcome to attend!

Check out a song from last year's concert below:

Notre Dame Alumni Concert 2023

at St. Paul the Apostle



Living Stations of the Cross

Lent approaches! And our parish seeks participants for the Living Stations of the Cross.

The Living Stations presents real people — YOU — in tableaux expressing the essential action and emotions of Jesus and those around him as he made his way to the cross. No formal performing experience necessary. Just an openness to try something new, and a willingness to engage in rehearsals that consist of physical exercises and interior acting exercises. If you join, be ready for a little workout.

The Living Stations will take place on Friday, March 22 at 7:30PM. Rehearsals begin Saturday, February 10 and continue every Saturday through March 16 from 10AM to Noon, plus a weeknight rehearsal before the presentation.

Sign up after Masses this Saturday, February 3 and Sunday, February 4. Or contact Tony Lopresti at tony@tonylopresti.com.



Upcoming Events



Volunteer with Xavier Mission **Sunday, February 4th from 12 PM - 4 PM**

Located near Union Square, Xavier Mission serves thousands of New Yorkers in need every weekend. This opportunity involves the staffing of Xavier Mission's INDOOR & TAKEAWAY meal service at its Welcome Table soup kitchen and support the Welcome Table by preparing and helping to serve over 1,000 meals to guests!

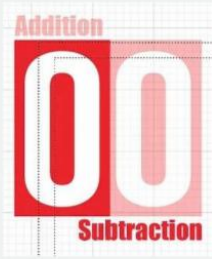
Volunteers will either be on the serving line plating the day's hot meal or moving around the hall transporting meal bags & distributing hot meals or coffee to our guests. All volunteers conclude the day with clean-up.

[Please sign up here](#), and be sure to include you heard about this opportunity from us in the "Connections" section; we're under "Apostolist Young Adults." If all slots are taken, you can join the waitlist [directly on the Xavier Mission website here](#). You will be notified if spaces become available!

After-Mass Social

Meet us in the back of the church after the 5 PM mass on Sunday, February 11th for a Super Bowl Sunday edition of our monthly social gathering! Whether you're looking to learn more about Apostolist or have been a part of our ministry for a long time, these socials are a great way to catch up with the young adults in our parish community.

get ready for the retreat!



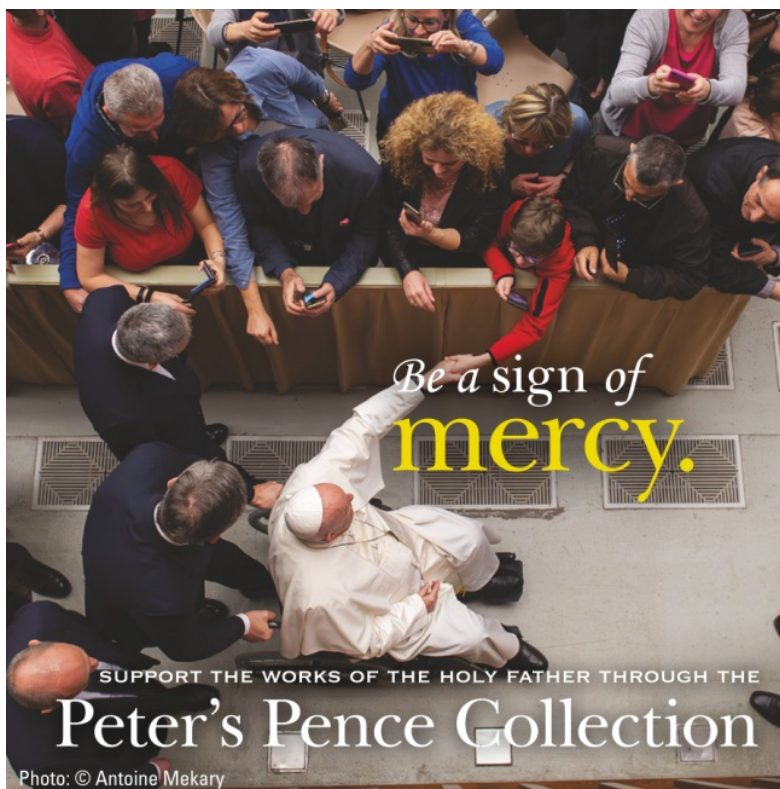
OPENINGS COLLECTIVE 17TH ANNUAL GROUP EXHIBIT January 10 – February 10



ARTIST WALK-THROUGH
& CLOSING RECEPTION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH AT 7PM

CLOSING RECEPTION: Openings Art Exhibition

Meet the talented creatives behind this year's *Openings* group exhibition, *Addition/Subtraction*, at the closing reception of the show on **Thursday, February 8th at 7PM**. The artist walk-through will shed light on the inspiration and creation behind the pieces that have been on display throughout our church for the past several weeks. We hope to see you there!



February 10th and 11th: 2nd Collection for Peter's Pence

The Holy Father's charitable outreach to victims of war, migrants and refugees, and the poor affected by illness and natural disasters is supported by contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection. When you participate in the collection, you join Catholics across the globe in supporting the pope's mission of mercy as well as the activities of the Holy See's dicasteries that assist his ministry. Support for such papal efforts is rooted in the scriptural message to take care of the poor and expresses unity with the Holy Father in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need.

For more information on Peter's Pence, [please visit the Vatican's Peter's Pence website here](#). Thank you in advance for your generosity!



NEXT SUNDAY: Welcome Weekend

Next Saturday and Sunday, **February 10th and 11th**, 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.

ST. PAUL'S MARDI GRAS



Fresh Pancakes & Toppings Bar
Soda | Beer | Wine | Beads | Fun!

**Come together for one last party
with the Parish before Ash Wednesday!**

\$5 Suggested Donation

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
at 7PM in the Parish Center

ASH WEDNESDAY

"FOR GOD SO LOVED
THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY SON,
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM
SHOULD NOT PERISH
BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE."
JOHN 3:16



ASHES DISTRIBUTED
6:00 AM TO 9:00 PM

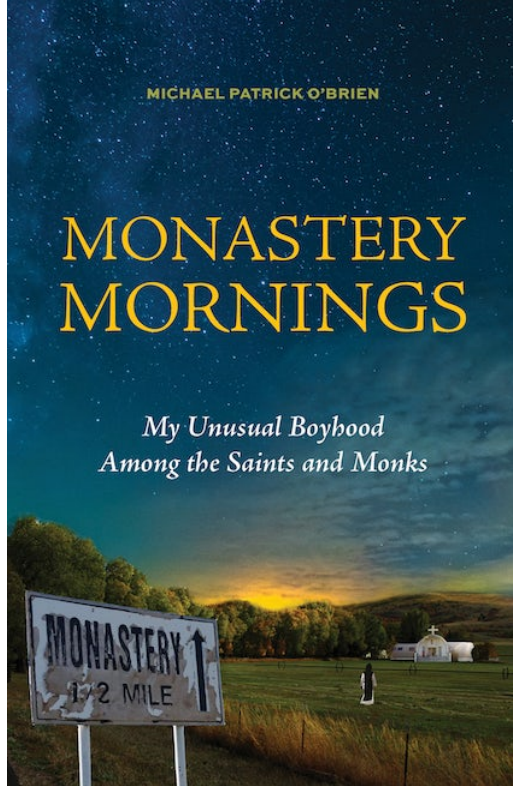
MASSES AT
7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, AND 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 14TH

St. Paul's Book Club

Join us via Zoom on
Tuesday, February 20th
at 6:30PM
for our discussion of
Monastery Mornings
by Michael Patrick O'Brien

Please RSVP to
welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org to
receive our meeting link!



About the book:

This warmhearted memoir describes how a small, insecure boy with a vibrant imagination found an unlikely family in the company of monks at Holy Trinity Abbey, in the mountains of rural Latter-day Saint Utah. Struggling with his parents' recent divorce, Michael O'Brien discovered a community filled with warmth, humor, idiosyncrasies, and most of all, listening ears. Filled with anecdotes and delightful "behind the scenes" descriptions of his experiences living alongside the monks as they farmed, prayed, buried their dead, ate, and shared the joys of life, *Monastery Mornings* speaks to the value of spiritual fatherhood, the lasting impact of positive mentoring, and the stability that the spiritual life can offer to people of all ages and walks of life.

Holy Humor



"It's a pickle jar, Tom... Twist the lid, not scripture."

Prayer Requests



Grant eternal rest to Josephine Andrews, Rosana Niemeyer, Ralph J. Elia, Chloe Marie Gervasi, Julie "Jules" Lee, Michael Bloom, Robert Celtus Driscoll, Christopher Battaglia, Rafael Montero, and Maria Veronica Trota.

Grant health or healing to Eileen Schreiber, Anders Valeur, Carmine Poppiti, Keon Whyte, Susan O'Dell, Sandra Guillen, Carmen Reyes, Christopher Henderson, Andrew R. Moynihan, Violet Leong, Deacon Wally Sandoval, Jim O'Brien, Jacqueline Dinella, Ashley Johnson, Marissa Casimiro, Fernando

Sanchez, Jane Dengel, Betty Daly, Tom Moore, Karen Jackson, Daniel Wilson, Liliana Gherzi, and Domenico S.

Grant peace and well-being to Genevieve Brockway Kuhar, Mary Chancey, Zylus Tamali'i, Krys White, Danny Diaz, Francis Lombardi, Jean Remyana Rodriguez, Felix & Anthony Mayusa, the Wilkins family, the Gorelick family, the Hicks family, and the Whyte 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, February 2nd

7:30AM † Brian Michael Hurley
& Family

12:10PM - Oliver Morante Bolender

Saturday, February 3rd

9:00AM † Alvin Loanzon
5:00PM - For the People

Sunday, February 4th

8:00AM † Brian Michael Hurley
& Family

10:00AM † Gary James

12:30PM † Fructuosa Galindo de Zurith

5:00PM † Elizabeth Bell Avery

Monday, February 5th

7:30AM † Maria Veronica Trota
12:10PM † Guadalupe Crespo Poujol

Tuesday, February 6th

7:30AM † John R. Barrett
12:10PM † Eloisa Burgos

Wednesday, February 7th

7:30AM † Celida Medina
12:10PM † May Williams

Thursday, February 8th

7:30AM † Zdislaw Wieczorek
12:10PM † Ann Mischler

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>.



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!

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