

January 18th, 2024



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## The Pastor's Column

### Our Migrant Brothers and Sisters

Earlier this month, CNN interviewed Paulist Father Bruce Nieli about the influx of migrants at our Southern Border. Fr. Bruce, whose first priestly assignment was here at St. Paul's in the 1970s, is actively involved with ministry to migrants in Texas working with Catholic Charities on the border. He is a champion of the immigrant, being a son of immigrants himself. Based at our parish in Austin, he is frequently in the news critiquing the policies of fellow Catholic, Texas Governor Greg Abbott, on such issues as the Death Penalty, Gun Control, and Immigration. He led a sit-in at the State Capital, preached to the Governor directly, and traveled to Uvalde in the wake of horrific school shooting.

CNN's Fredricka Whitfield gave Fr. Bruce the time to talk about his ministry,

the Charism of the Paulist Fathers, and his optimism for solutions on this issue. For me, the most important moment in the interview was when he reminded the audience that migrants, immigrants, and asylum seekers are our brothers and sisters who the Lord has placed in our midst. As a priest, he was making a particular appeal to us Catholics. The fact that many of our migrant brothers and sisters are baptized Catholic ought to engender in us an extra level of sensitivity and compassion that he and I would agree seems to be lacking at this present moment. This begs the basic question “And who is my neighbor?” that Jesus answered so eloquently in the story of the Good Samaritan.

Our Catholic faith calls us in so many ways and on so many different levels to see the connections and the communion we have with all humankind, and all created reality. Yes, this issue of immigration is daunting; it seems completely undoable; it feels threatening... We as a community of faith must push through these fears and trust the Holy Spirit can and will guide us to just, empathetic, and equitable solutions. “Impossible” is not a word in Fr. Bruce’s vocabulary, nor should be in ours!

Watch this video, experience Fr. Bruce’s zeal for all who seek a better life in our country, and ask ourselves how we can help welcome our brothers and sisters.



God Bless,

*Fr. Eric*



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

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### **THIS SUNDAY: Welcome Weekend**

Our next 'Welcome Weekend' celebration will be held this Saturday and Sunday. This month, we are especially excited to welcome Paulist Deacon Chris Lawton back to our parish!

Before joining the Paulist seminary, Deacon Lawton was an active parishioner at St. Paul's involved in several of our ministries. He will work at our parish in the coming months as part of his final preparation for the priesthood; God willing, he will be ordained into the priesthood alongside Paulist Deacon Dan Macalinao in May.

Stop by the back of the church after all of our masses to grab some refreshments and build community with your fellow parishioners -- and welcome Deacon Lawton home!

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# Annual Paulist Appeal

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

# 2024



[paulist.org/apa](http://paulist.org/apa)

Next weekend, we will learn from Deacon Lawton about the Annual Paulist Appeal for 2024: "Advancing God's Mission Through Our Charism and Community."

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 financial gift, please see the Annual Paulist Appeal brochure in our church or visit: [paulist.org/apa](http://paulist.org/apa). Regardless of your ability to give, please pray for the success of the appeal.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the Paulist Fathers! We are so

## Parish Spotlight



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

The 17th Annual group exhibition of the Openings Collective, *Addition/Subtraction*, is on display in the church! The opening reception for the exhibition was held last Thursday evening.

The art for the exhibition will be on display in the church through February 10th; there will also be a walkthrough with the artists held on Thursday, February 8th at 7:00PM to close out their time here.



Special thanks to the director of the Openings Collective, Fr. Frank Sabatte, CSP (pictured below with Fr. Eric and two parishioners), for bringing together this season's group of artists.





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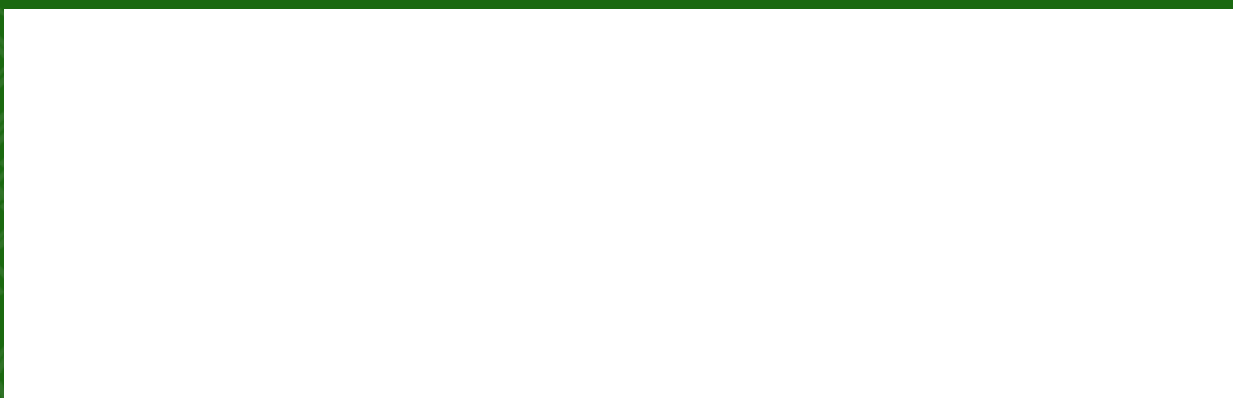
Fr. James Martin, SJ gave an engaging talk on his time at the 2023 Synod on Synodality last Sunday! We were excited to host almost 100 people in the church in addition to the 150 viewers that tuned in on Virtch Church.



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Thanks to all of those that participated and asked questions during the talk!

## Upcoming Events





### **After-Mass Social**

Sunday, January 21st - 6:00 PM

Want to get to know the Apostolist community better? Meet us in the back of the church after the 5 PM mass and we'll step out for some fun and fellowship. In January, we are planning to have dinner together at Bareburger.

### **Virtual Bible Study**

Monday, January 22nd - 6:00 PM via Zoom

Join us over Zoom this winter for virtual Bible Study with the Apostolist community! You can expect lively exchanges and thoughtful reflections. For this session, we will discuss readings around the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. [Please RSVP here](#); we will send a link to participants on Monday before the session begins.

### **Apostolist Homebase**

Wednesday, January 24 - 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Meet us at the Parish Center for our regular Apostolist gathering (second and fourth Wednesday of the month). For this edition, join us for Catholic Jeopardy!

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## OSP WINTER RETREAT 2024

February 9-11, 2024

San Alfonso Retreat House

Long Branch, NJ



Our annual OSP Winter Retreat is here! The gathering will take place from February 9th - February 11th at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ.

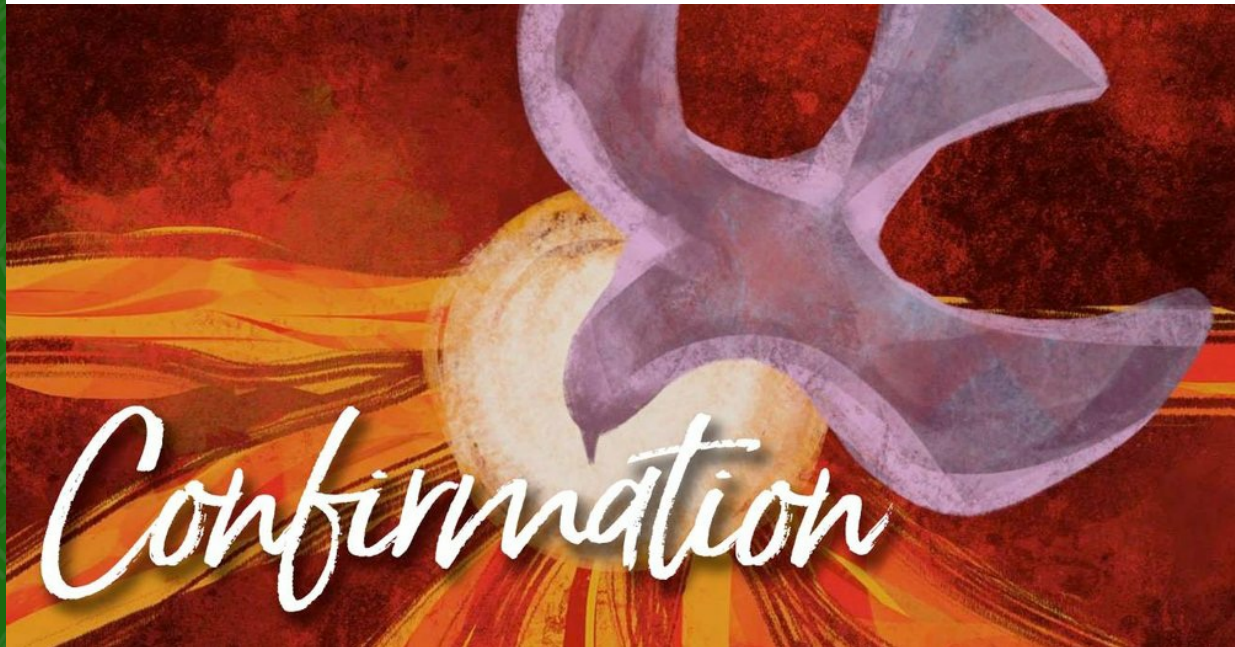
This year's theme is "Show Up and Take a Stand" and together we'll explore and celebrate how being fully present in our identities as LGBTQ+ Catholics and allies strengthens our faith in God, the relationships in our lives, and our wider communities.

Spend a weekend on the peaceful winter Jersey Shore, a quiet and idyllic environment to pause and reflect. Reconnect with OSP friends, meet new friends, and experience a supportive community ready to accompany you and support you on your journey.

Join us for a weekend of unique opportunities: spiritual nourishment and tools, service to the community, and social moments of friendship and fun. Whether you are new to the OSP community, or if this is your annual spiritual getaway, all are welcome! Our community and Church are stronger with you in it.

[To register or get more information about logistics and payment options, visit our website here!](#)

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## 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

In honor of our patronal feast day, the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25th, we will have a special gathering on the life of the founder of the Paulist Fathers!

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.

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.



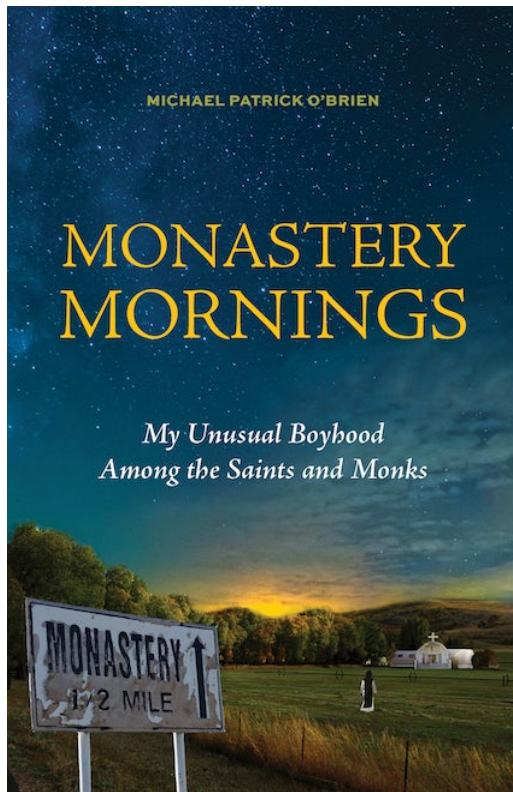
## NOTRE DAME ALUMNI CHOIR

### SAVE THE DATE: Notre Dame Alumni & St. Paul's Choir Concert

Save the date for our next concert featuring alumni of the Notre Dame choir and the St. Paul's choir! The group will join us on Saturday, February 10th at 7:30PM for a program of exciting choral works.

More information will follow in the coming weeks; check back here for details as

we get closer to the concert!



## 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](mailto: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

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection!



## 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. Yarrosch, 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 Yarrosch, 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 19th

7:30AM - In Honor of St. Joseph  
12:10PM † Virginia D. Tooker

### Saturday, January 20th

9:00AM - For the People  
5:00PM - Susan O'Dell Viola

### Sunday, January 21st

8:00AM - The Loanzon Family  
10:00AM † Fernando Albert Garcia  
12:30PM † Hiram Echevarria  
5:00PM † Eileen Minarik

### Monday, January 22nd

7:30AM - Katherine Wieczorek  
12:10PM † Daniella Gad  
& Christopher Maita

### Tuesday, January 23rd

7:30AM - Monica & Richard  
12:10PM † Enrique Zenteno

### Wednesday, January 24th

7:30AM † Regina Bonet  
12:10PM - Yves Day

### Thursday, January 25th

7:30AM † Mrs. Roconello  
12:10PM - In Honor of Jesus of Prague

## 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](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.



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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