

January 25th, 2024



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Pastor's Column

Happy Feast Day!

This weekend we celebrate the Patronal Feast Day of our Parish and of the Paulist Fathers, The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle! For over 165 years, our parish has been a place of welcome and hope for all. What started as a small country parish is now a place of welcome to so many: the Westsider, Hells Kitchen folks, the immigrant, the young adult, the LGBTQ catholic looking for a sincere welcome, the seeker, the Virtch Church member, the Opera Fan, the tourist from near or far, the neighbor searching for a place to find a moment of peace and to light a candle, just to name a few.

The Founder of the Paulists and First Pastor of St. Paul's, Servant of God Father Isaac Hecker believed that our Church would be a source of unity in a fractured nation. If all experienced the embrace of the Holy Spirit in the depths of their hearts as he had, they would seek to join the community of love, the

Body of Christ, the Church. Our parish was the first place that Hecker and his tiny, yet inspired, missionary society sought to welcome all who were seeking a spiritual home and wanted to learn more about Catholicism. So many converts to the faith have come through our doors and continue to do so today. That says a great deal about the faith of our parish.

This weekend we celebrate our dynamic, compassionate, and faithful community in all its richness and diversity. We honor all our brothers, sisters and Paulist Fathers, who built this parish from its humble origins and on whose shoulders we stand. May their prayers and blessings from heaven inspire us to continue to build the city of God on Earth!

Supporting this year's PAULIST APPEAL will help keep the Paulist Charism, the animating force of our parish, alive and thriving. This weekend Paulist Deacon Chris Lawton will share with us the mission of the Paulist Fathers and how you can be a part of it. He will also talk about how your donation supports those in formation to the Paulist Priesthood like himself as well as those aging Paulists who have given their lives for the care of souls and now need support in their golden age. Giving to the Appeal also helps us advance efforts to share the Gospel to those seeking Christ, to reconcile the hurt and polarization found in society and church today, and to welcome all who have felt alienated in any way.

To make a gift right now, go to: www.paulist.org/APA. Make sure you indicate that you belong to St. Paul's!

Any gift you can make would be a blessing to us! If you are short of cash, say a prayer for Deacon Chris and all who aspire to devote their lives to care for God's people. If you are thinking of serving the Lord in any capacity, ask the Holy Spirit to show you the way. God will take whatever we offer and transform it into something amazing.

As your pastor, I am so honored to walk with you every day on this journey of faith! May our parish continue to be a place of hope, welcoming all to experience the great and eternal love of God!

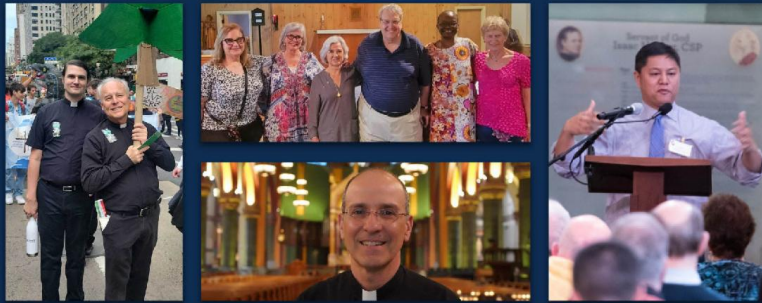
A Final Note: I ask for your prayers for my mother, **Josephine Popavero Andrews**, who currently is transitioning from this world to the next. She's lived an amazing life on earth and will do wonders in heavenly surroundings, I am sure. If I am not with you in person this weekend, please know I am with you in Spirit. We are grateful for your spiritual assistance during this sad yet hopefilled time. My Paulist brothers and our parish staff will keep you updated. In the meanwhile, if you have no other reason to give to the Paulist Appeal, do it because my Mom wants you to give in her name this year. As many of us know, a little Italian maternal guilt goes a long way!

God Bless,

Fr. Eric



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



Annual Paulist Appeal

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

2024



paulist.org/apa

This 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, visit: paulist.org/apa, or watch the message from Paulist President Rene Constanza below! 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 grateful for your involvement!



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Parish Spotlight



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 form](#) so we can anticipate how much food to order! We look forward to seeing you there.



Thanks to all who joined us for last Sunday's Welcome Weekend celebrations - especially the volunteers that helped serve food to the parish!



Sunday was also the celebration of Our Lady of Altagracia, patroness of the Dominican Republic. The music was lively and the food was delicious!



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!



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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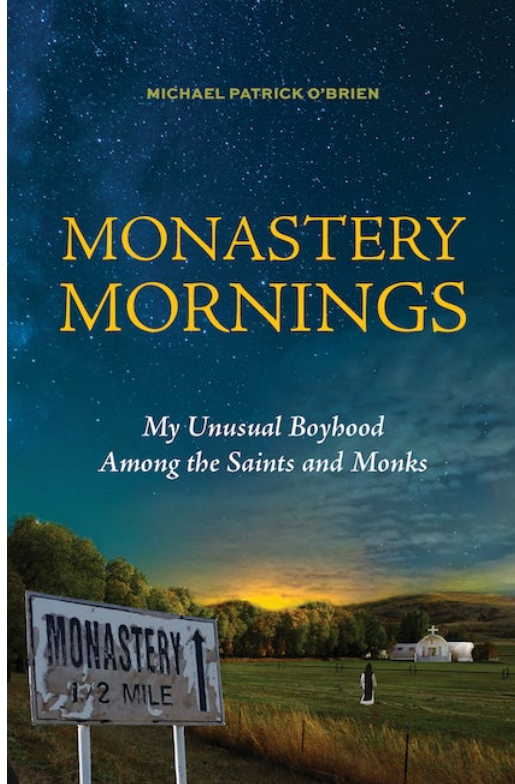
AN EVENING OF ALLELUIAS

Lift up your voices for one last "Alleluia" before Lent with Notre Dame Folk Choir alumni and the St. Paul's Music Ministry!

The group will join us on **Saturday, February 10th at 7:30PM** for a program of exciting choral works. Led by Steven C. Warner and Karen Schneider Kirner,

St. Paul's Book Club

Join us via Zoom on
Tuesday, February 20th

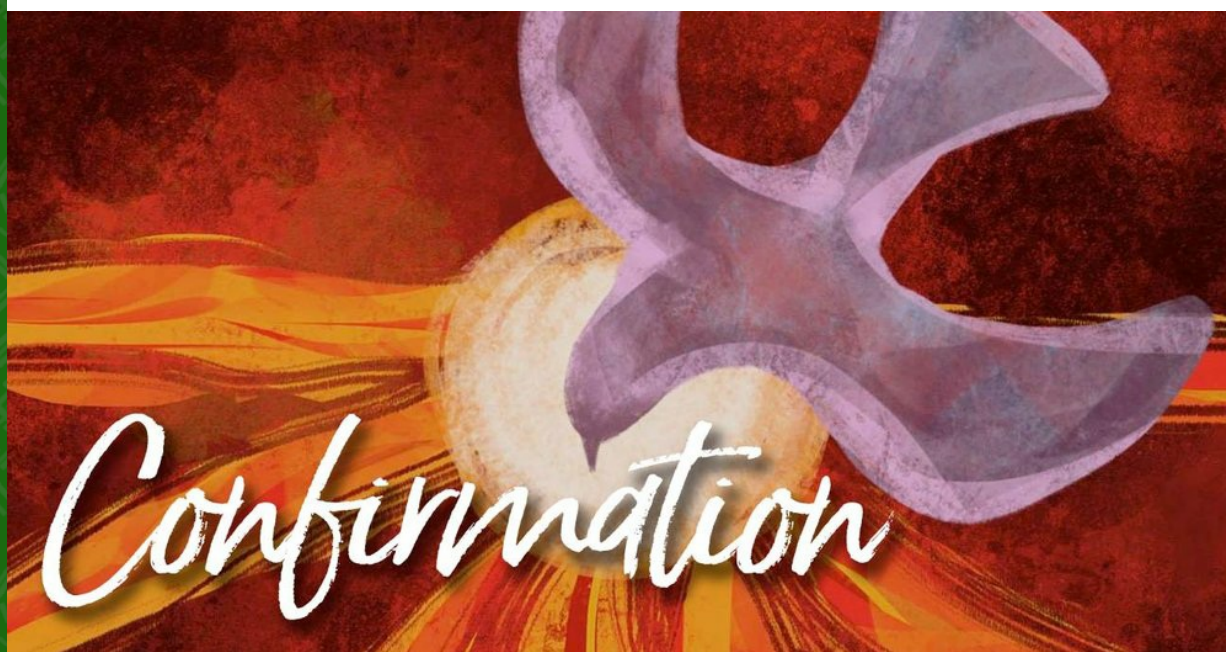


at 6:30PM
for our discussion of
Monastery Mornings
by Michael Patrick O'Brien

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.



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](#).

Holy Humor

God creates the Kangaroo

Angel: That's a cute animal!

God: Thanks, it has pockets :)



Prayer Requests



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Grant eternal rest to 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 Josephine Andrews, 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 Gheresi, 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, January 26th

7:30AM † Mitchell Sweeney

12:10PM - Kathleen Day

Saturday, January 27th

9:00AM † Claire Mintzer Fagin

5:00PM - Aurora Ravallo

Sunday, January 28th

8:00AM - For the People

10:00AM † Nick Angelakis

12:30PM † Alejandro Betances

5:00PM † Marlene Slanina Graham

Monday, January 29th

7:30AM † Bernardina Iacovano & Marek

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12:10PM - Kristen Crookes

Tuesday, January 30th

7:30AM - Izzabella & Matthew Sokoloff

12:10PM - Sharon Benjamin

Wednesday, January 31st

7:30AM † Peter Wilfert

12:10PM † Zoila Hernandez

Thursday, February 1st

7:30AM - Mary Tesh

12:10PM † Myron Shrenkel

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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