

April 11th, 2024



Third Sunday of Easter



The Pastor's Column

Congratulations Paula Ryan, Spirit of Hecker Honoree 2024!

It's an honor to share with you that this year's Spirit of Hecker honoree from St. Paul's is **Paula Ryan**! The Spirit of Hecker Award was established four years ago to lift up those members of the Paulist Family whose witness of faith exemplifies the charisms of the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle. Paula is a most worthy recipient.

Since 1985, Paula has been an active member of the parish. Every day of the week, you can find her at the early morning Masses in her special pew—5 rows back on the 59th street side of the Church. Her love for the Eucharist overflows to the love of our parish community. She has served in so many capacities: Eucharistic Minister, Pastoral Council Member, RCIA Team Member, Money Counting team member, and Good Will Ambassador to all newcomers she encounters.

Paula is a true New Yorker, with a heart of gold. She's quick to tell you what's on her mind, but she is even quicker to offer a kind word or a hug to those who need it. I first met Paula when I was on the RCIA team with her as a young Deacon. I was struck by her care and support of all who were seeking to become Catholic. She was the heart of the team. By her loving presence and accompaniment of inquirers and candidates, she taught me how to share God's love in ministry.

In addition to her devotion to the parish, she's been a true friend to us Paulists caring for us and collaborating with us in our Mission. For many years, she assisted Fr. Jack Collins in his missionary endeavors. A registered dietician, this past autumn she counselled the late Fr. Charlie Brunick following radical stomach surgery. She is always asking about other Paulists she's met, concerned about how we are all doing.

A few days before Christmas in 2016, While Paula was wrapping Christmas presents for children in the parish, her apartment caught on fire. Paula was severely burned and nearly died. When she was finally able to go home, parishioners made sure she wanted for nothing. She has often said how indebted she is to us, but any of us would say that it was the least we could do for the blessing she is to us.

Please join me in congratulating Paula on Saturday Morning, April 27. Join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9am Mass followed by a brunch reception to honor Paula. As a bonus, we will view a sneak preview of the Spirit of Hecker Award Show which will be aired later that evening at 8:30pm Eastern.

[Please RSVP using this brief form](#) if you can come and celebrate this very fine lady!

Blessings to you all!

Fr. Eric



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

Event Spotlight

The Metropolitan Opera

FORDHAM



The critically-acclaimed opera premieres at the Met, and director Lileana Blain-Cruz joins us for an evening of conversation on art, faith, and justice

A Christmas story at Easter time? That's essentially what the Metropolitan Opera is doing in presenting the company premier of John Adams's *El Niño*. But the opera-oratorio's focus on the experience of the refugee and the migrant—how they struggled to find acceptance in Biblical times—could not be more contemporary, and urgent. The composition incorporates sacred and secular texts in English, Spanish, and Latin, from biblical times to the present day, in an extraordinarily dramatic retelling of the Nativity.

The vivid new production also marks the Met debut of celebrated theater

maker Lileana Blain-Cruz, resident director at Lincoln Center Theater, who joins us to talk about the opera and the importance of staging art that matters for our world today. She will be joined by Fadi Skeiker of Fordham's theater department and Fordham theology professor Leo Guardado. David Gibson, director of the Center on Religion and Culture, will moderate the discussion with the panelists and the audience. **St. Paul's has been granted the opportunity to give away several tickets to *El Niño*, you can enter for a chance to win a trip to the Met Opera during the program.**

Join us for this talk at our church on Friday, April 19th at 6PM. Admission is free and open to all; [please RSVP by filling out this form on Fordham's website](#)

Scenes From the Week



A few of our adult *confirmandi* took associate pastor Fr. Paul out for dinner this week. Fr. Paul has been preparing the group every week since January for their full entrance into the faith.

This year's class will be confirmed by The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Espailat at the 5PM mass on Saturday, April 20th. We hope you will join us in prayer at mass to celebrate!



Choirs and orchestras from the Visiting Voices program have been filling our church during the daytime with beautiful music - like the Brookfield Central HS Choir, pictured above performing earlier today.

Find our full list of upcoming Visiting Voices concerts below!

Upcoming Events

Visiting Voices

St. Paul's hosts groups of young musicians on tour around the country, offering free concerts to the public in our church. Enjoy the talents of these young artists at any of the listed times in the next image -- no tickets or RSVP required!

Our upcoming groups of Visiting Voices, the Worthington HS Choir, will

perform on Friday, April 12th at 1 PM. Find our full schedule below:



April 11th
Brookfield Central HS Choir - 9:30 AM
Upper Arlington HS Choir - 1:30 PM

April 12th
Worthington HS Choir and Orchestra - 1 PM
Marion Harding HS Choir and Orchestra - 4 PM

April 13th
Strongsville HS Choir - 10 AM

April 19th
Hunt HS - 1 PM

April 26th
Lebanon HS Jazz Band - 3 PM



Fine Art Book Sale!

Over 50 high quality art books will be for sale to benefit Openings Summer

Residency Scholarships. Most are high-end exhibition catalogues in excellent condition, many are hardcover. Some are rare. All books will be heavily discounted.

The sale will take place one day only, on Saturday, April 13 from 1-4pm in the Parish Center.

No reserves; first come first served. All credit cards accepted!



THIS SUNDAY: First Holy Communion

This year's group of children from Religious Education will receive the sacrament of communion for the first time on **Sunday, April 14th at the 10AM mass**. The parishioners celebrating the sacrament this week are:

Noemi Estela Abreu
Hector Daniel Adame
Jason Po-Wen Chen
Madison Sophia La Valle
Kaylie Skyi Martinez
Jack Mujica
Ariana Jade Muthu
Zoe Rose Nestor
Charlotte Rhys Overdevest
Kellen Hyunjoon Park
Luara Parra-Orellana
Hailey Madison Ramos
Aoi Saito
Oliver William Sbaschnig
Joseph Daniel Totouom Tangho
Aviana Troiano
Isabella Ghislaine Cherry
Jenesis Marie Nivar Perez

Javien Faraji Gallishaw
Oscar Jayden Mandonado
Tyreem Civil
Valentina Ovalles

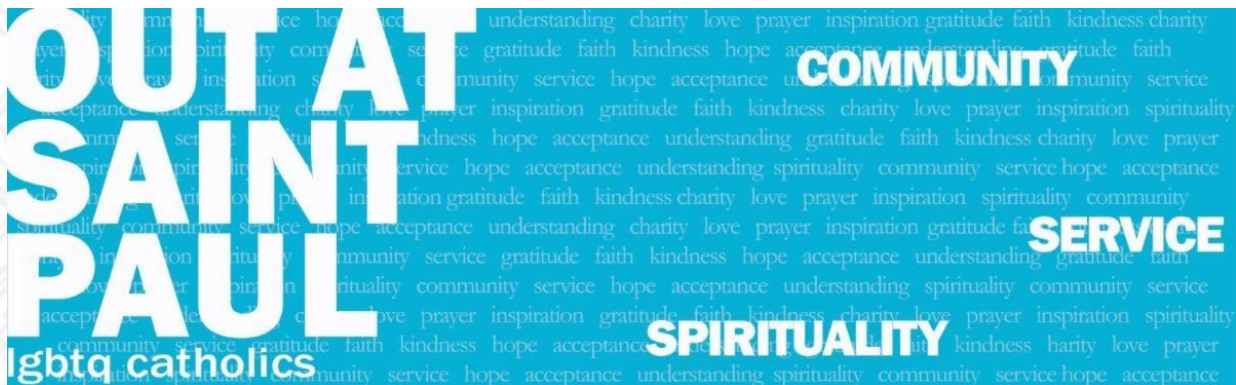
Participation in the eucharist is one of the most joyous and nourishing acts in the Catholic life of prayer. Join us in celebration as they make this exciting step in their faith journey!



APRIL 15th: Manhattan College Performs Vivaldi

The Manhattan College Orchestra & Singers will join us for the second year in a row for an exciting performance! This year, the group will perform Vivaldi's *Gloria* in full.

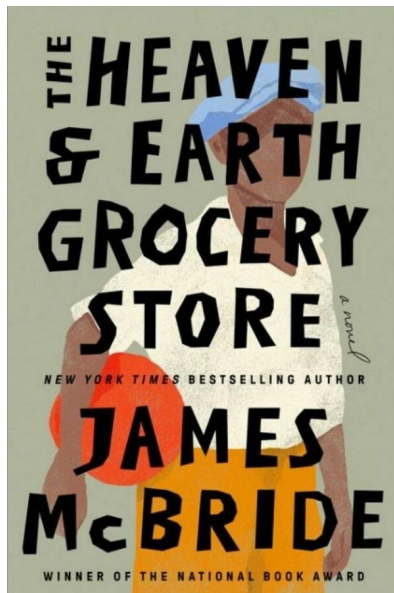
Hear them perform this beautiful and uplifting piece on Monday, April 15th at 7:00 PM. Admission is free; we look forward to seeing you there! Those of you who can't join in person can tune in on Virtch Church through our usual channels.



APRIL 17th: OSP Spring Mass

Join us for a special Wednesday evening celebration of mass on April 17th at 6:30 PM. Whether you're a long-time member of OSP or are new to the group, this mass is a great opportunity for fellowship and prayer. We look forward to

seeing you there!



St. Paul's Book Club

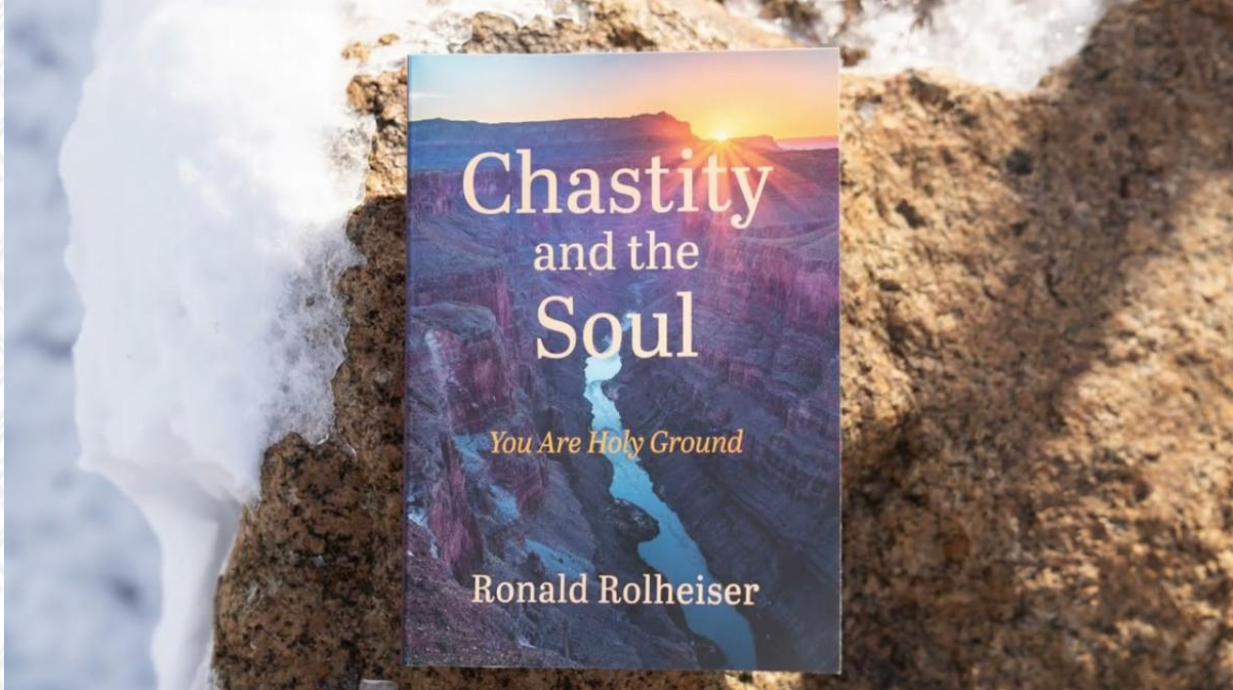
Join us via Zoom on
Tuesday, April 23rd
at 6:30PM

for our discussion of
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride

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

From James McBride, author of the bestselling Oprah's Book Club pick *Deacon King Kong* and the National Book Award–winning *The Good Lord Bird*, a novel about small-town secrets and the people who keep them.

In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. As these characters' stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins of white, Christian America struggle and what they must do to survive. When the truth is finally revealed about what happened on Chicken Hill and the part the town's establishment played in it, McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community—heaven and earth—that sustain us.



APRIL 25th: Webinar on New Book by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser

On Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 PM, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser will give a talk online about his upcoming book, *Chastity and the Soul: You Are Holy Ground*. [Click here to register](#) for this free webinar - held on Zoom - given by the author himself. The book will be available soon in the Welcome Center bookstore!

About the book:

Bestselling author Ronald Rolheiser illuminates the lost virtue that could save us all: Chastity.

These days, it's hard to say the word "chastity" without a cringe. But in this book, beloved teacher Fr. Ronald Rolheiser boldly champions the notion of chastity in its fullest meaning: respect, patience, reverence, and a God-given gift of propriety in every area of life—not just in the area of sex.

In twenty-four power packed chapters, Fr. Ron compassionately and eloquently elaborates on how we can reclaim the lost virtue of chastity. He spells out the reasons for the death of chastity in our culture, the negative consequences of that has had on our souls and in our lives, the need for a healthy chastity in all areas of our lives, what constitutes that healthy chastity, and its positive consequences—so that we can say the word chastity without a cringe.



The Paulist Fathers' 4th Spirit of Hecker Awards

will be broadcast on Facebook and YouTube
on Saturday evening, April 27, 2024.

The program will honor exemplary leaders and volunteers
from the parishes, centers, and ministries we serve —
in the spirit of our founder, Servant of God Isaac Hecker.

The theme of this year's program is
"Advancing God's Mission Through Our Charism and Community."

The broadcast will be at 8:30 p.m. Eastern,
7:30 p.m. Central, 6:30 p.m. Mountain, and 5:30 p.m. Pacific.

Links and updates will be shared at: paulist.org/HeckerAwards



Members of Saint Paul's parish are eager to invite you to participate in our start-up efforts to become [an official Laudato Si International Parish](#). Currently

there are over 1,100 Laudato Si parishes worldwide, dedicated to reverencing, respecting and nurturing our planet as God commanded us to do. Want to learn more? [Sign up here to receive information on our group](#)

Below is a reflection contributed by Laudato Si member Thomas Caffrey:

In his Laudate Deum, Pope Francis' recent follow-up to Laudato Si', the Pope concludes with a complex statement about U.S. citizens. On the one hand, he refers to our lifestyle as "irresponsible." On the other, he casts our excessive use of fossil fuels and our other climate-damaging practices as a ground for hope: given that our waste and CO2 emissions so exceed those of almost all other nations, we hold the greatest chance, by changing, of significantly improving things! Here is the passage:

72. If we consider that emissions per individual in the United States are about two times greater than those of individuals living in China, and about seven times greater than the average of the poorest countries, [44] we can state that a broad change in the irresponsible lifestyle connected with the Western model would have a significant long-term impact. As a result, along with indispensable political decisions, we would be making progress along the way to genuine care for one another.

In a NYTimes article, psychology professor Sander van der Linden cautions us to be clear about which behaviors make large differences in mitigating climate breakdown, and which ones make small differences. [He also provides readers with a simple way to test themselves on this knowledge](#). Hint: you can make "large" differences by 1) living car free; 2) using renewable electricity; 3) avoiding a long flight; and, 4) eating a vegan diet; "medium" differences: 1) eating a vegetarian diet; and, 2) eating organic foods. The St. Paul's Laudato Si' group would welcome reactions to Pope Francis' words about us Americans, and about the different levels of climate-breakdown mitigating behaviors.



St. Paul the Apostle Reunion

It's been fifty years since St. Paul the Apostle School closed. It's a sad anniversary, but also an opportunity to celebrate the students that we were, the Holy Cross Sisters who labored indefatigably, the Paulist Fathers who supported and visited our classrooms, and the Parish of St. Paul the Apostle.

On May 4th at the 5:00pm Mass, we will have our anniversary celebration, followed by a reception in the parish center (which didn't exist when we were at St. Paul's). If you can be present, please send your first and last name, email and year of graduation to Linda Ocasio (linda@geb.net). If you cannot come but wish to make a donation to the parish send it to: School Anniversary, c/o St. Paul the Apostle, 405 W. 59th Street, NY, NY 10019. If you have a question, send it to mission@pemdc.org.

Let's celebrate who we were -- and who we are!



Holy Humor

Looking in the mirror, knowing
that you're fearfully and
wonderfully made



Prayer Requests



Prayer Requests

Grant eternal rest to Santina & Alfred Montana, Tom Moore, Angelina Maddonni, Divaldo Camara, John M. Padron, Thomas Schneider, Fernando Castillo, Dominico Fernandez Ratuiste, and Felicia P. Manzon.

Grant health or healing to Delores Desso, Maureen Moriarty, Stephanie Boccuzzi, Sean Timothy Tanega, Christopher Henderson, Jeanne Connors, Bryon Gordon, Tracie Matsueda, Rafael Antonio Gayoso, Eileen Schreiber, Kathleen Friel, Donnie Strickland, TJ Cameron, Josephine Mahon, Sandy DiMola, Jessica Broaddus, Deacon Wally Sandoval, Fr. John Barton, Jr., and Nenita Garrovillas.

Grant peace and well-being to Reggie Whitehead, 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

Saturday, April 13th

7:30AM + Emmanuel Day
12:10PM + Francesca Valdivia

Sunday, April 14th

8:00AM + Salvatle Catherine Mazzella
10:00AM + Olaf Gebhart
& Alberto Gutierrez
12:30PM - For the People
5:00PM + Michael Schmid

Monday, April 15th

7:30AM - For the People
12:10PM + Maria Allen

Tuesday, April 16th

7:30AM - For the People
12:10PM + Phillip Grant

Wednesday, April 17th

7:30AM + Elisea & Jesus Loanzon, Sr.
12:10PM + Ralph Box Jr.

Thursday, April 18th

7:30AM - Christopher Henderson
12:10PM - For the People

Friday, April 19th

7:30AM - Maureen Moriarty
12:10PM - For the People

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

Daily Mass Monday - Friday

7:30 AM and 12:10 PM

Saturday

9:00AM

Sunday Mass

Saturday

5:00 PM (Vigil)

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

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 Holy Week comes to fruition, 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.



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