

February 29th, 2024



Third Sunday of Lent



The Pastor's Column

Parish Council Update

In case you were wondering, work continues on forming a new parish pastoral council! Last week a “pastoral council formation team” gathered, a bit late because I needed tie out to take care of Mom. The group is terrific, and they are now tasked with reviewing all the feedback from the various Town Hall Meetings, studying documents on the work of pastoral councils, and reaching out to other parishes for best practices. Once that information is digested, the group will propose guidelines and bylaws for our parish council as well as draw up a “job description” for potential nominees for the pastoral council.

God willing, we will be reaching out to you all by Pentecost with a plan and a road map to have the pastoral council operational by Fall 2024, if not sooner. If you have any helpful insights or input for the group, please send them to me.

Reminder: my email is eric.andrews@stpaultheapostle.org.

While we wait for that to get going, we have been mindful of the hopes expressed at the Town Hall, especially the desire for more parish events to bring us all together. Both the Mardi Gras Party and the OASIS Lenten Retreat were initial attempts to gather us together for prayer and fellowship. Both were hugely successful! I am so thankful to God for the wonderful expressions of faith that were expressed at the retreat. The Holy Spirit was with us, so much so, that any barriers that language presented were easily overcome!

My heartfelt thanks to Deacon Chris Lawton and his team for their leadership and wise discernment. They put together an event that met the needs of our community of faith. Many who participated hope this is the first of many such gatherings. I couldn't agree more. Thanks to Fr. Evan for his culinary expertise in feeding us with the finest of pancakes on Fat Tuesday! I will be forever grateful for the staff of St. Paul's who put together all our wonderful offerings for the Season of Lent while I was away for bereavement.

While we never know what God has in store for us, I believe we are in a very good spiritual place right now, with great potential to grow and take on new challenges as a parish, thanks to prayerful and careful planning AND your active involvement! I am so blessed to be on this Lenten journey with you all. Let's stay focused on encountering Christ this Lent as we approach Holy Week and Easter!

God Bless,

Fr. Eric



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

Event Spotlight



MARCH 6: Finding My Place, Finding My Happiness

Join us as we welcome Arthur C. Brooks, PhD, Harvard Professor and Author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *Build the Life You Want: The Art and Science of Getting Happier* - co-authored with Oprah Winfrey.

Mr. Brooks will join us on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30pm following our weekly evening mass. Tickets are \$20; you can [purchase them by clicking here](#), or by going to www.stpaultheapostle.org/brooks.

Scenes from the Week

plan

love

save

lent 2024 | st. paul the apostle



Our *OASIS* retreat, the first of its kind in several years, was a tremendous success! Parishioners came together to pray, reflect, and build community.



Special thanks to Deacon Chris for all of his work in guiding the retreat, and to his team of volunteers for organizing the event and ensuring its success! We can't wait to offer more opportunities like this in the future.





This Easter, God willing, a dozen catechumens will be baptized into the Church, and more than a dozen Catholic candidates will be brought into full communion with the faith. It is truly a blessing to be a part of their formation and witness the many ways God calls each of us to a deeper understanding of His Love.

At the base of the Annunciation altar in the south aisle of the church, there is a book that includes the names of this year's class of catechumens and candidates. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they journey through Lent towards the sacraments. **The next time you're in the church, consider stopping by the altar and offering the following prayer:**

Good and gracious God, you call all of us to seek you, know you, and love you. Bless and protect our catechumens as they await their baptism. Guard them from all evil, purify and heal them by your grace, and deliver them into the company of your faithful.

Guide our candidates to the fullness of faith, strengthen them in their vocation, and activate the grace of their baptism as they journey to full communion.

We pray also for all who seek you with a sincere heart. By your Holy Spirit, lead them by their conscience to all that is good, beautiful, and true.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us all during this Lenten season, so that by the spirit's

inspiration, we may know, follow, and love Jesus more closely, accept our crosses, and participate in the Paschal mystery.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

How to Do Lent at St. Paul's



Journey - Encounter - Reflect

This Lent, journey with us to encounter the mercy of God, reflect on our blessings, and help each other carry our burdens.

Christ endured the harsh sands of temptation through His total reliance on the love of God; we too are not alone in our forty day journey of prayer. We are journeying with the seeker, the poor, friends and stewards of creation, those who need a place, and those who long for peace.

Weekly Devotions

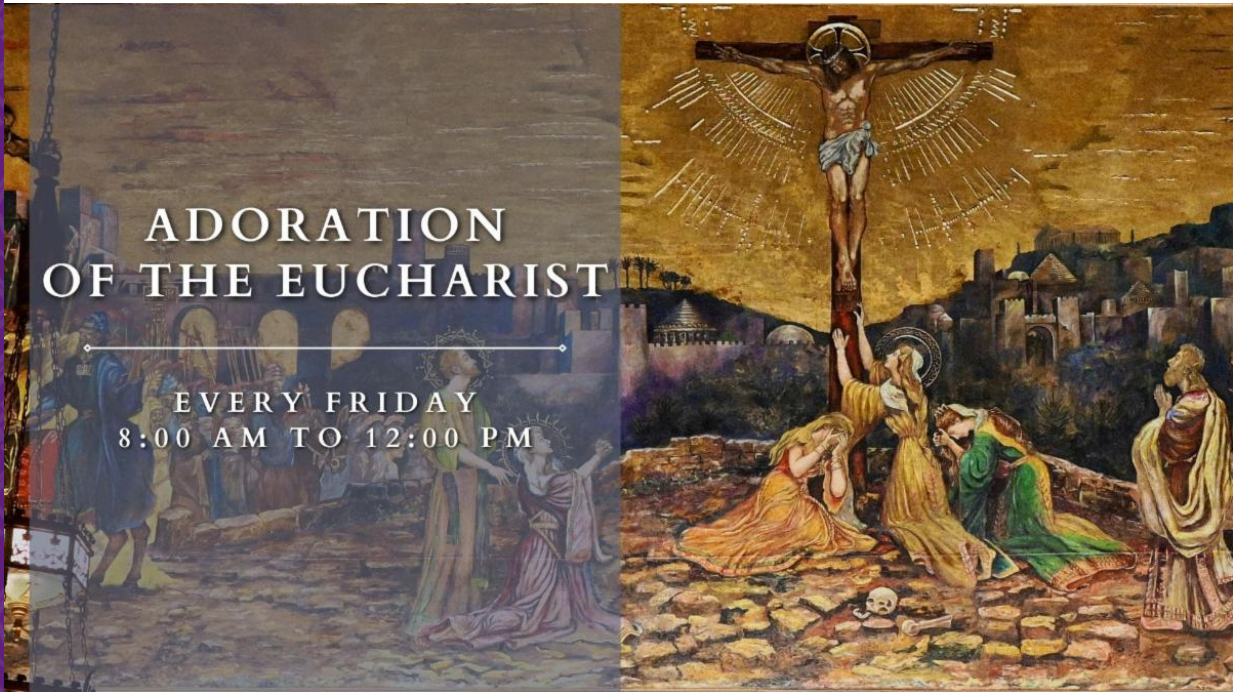


LENTEN EVENING MASS

EVERY WEDNESDAY
AT 6:30 PM

More Ways to Pray

Every Wednesday night in Lent, we will hold an additional mass at 6:30 PM. There is no better way to keep the spirit of Lent in your heart! Come by after work for a mid-week celebration of holiness and sanctity. Each mass will be followed by a brief talk



ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

EVERY FRIDAY
8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Spend Time with the Lord this Lent

Deepen your faith in Jesus's astounding gift of His Real Presence - body, blood, soul, and divinity - during Adoration of the Eucharist, held every Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MINISTRY-SPONSORED
STATIONS AT 6:30PM



EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 16TH — MARCH 22ND

12:40 PM | 6:30 PM
7:30 PM (EN ESPAÑOL)

FEBRUARY 16TH: OCIA

FEBRUARY 23RD: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

MARCH 1ST: LAUDATO SI

MARCH 8TH: OSP

MARCH 15TH: APOSTOLIST

MARCH 23RD: LIVING STATIONS

Walk in the Footsteps of Christ

Stations of the Cross are held every Friday after 12:10 PM mass, at 6:30 PM, and at 7:30 PM (en Español).

To better journey with every facet of our parish community, our 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross will be led each week by a different St. Paul's ministry. They will offer a unique set of reflections relating to their mission during the devotion. These 6:30 PM Stations will be live-streamed to allow everyone access to participate, or use the playbacks as part of a weekly devotion.

Parish Initiatives



2024 Easter Basket Drive

*for the benefit of Abbot House Charity
and Catholic Guardian Services*

Help us reach our goal of donating 400 Easter Baskets to teens in need!

Our Easter Basket Drive for Abbot House Charity and Catholic Guardian Services is back! We are asking for the parish's help to collect baskets for the benefit of foster teens throughout New York City. You can find information about [how to make an Easter basket on our website here](#)

Please bring your Easter Baskets back to the church on Palm Sunday, March 24th! Make sure to stop by the blessing of the baskets after our 5PM Palm Sunday mass - it is a sight to behold.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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.

We would like to begin this journey by offering you to take on a PLEDGE to SAY NO TO PLASTICS. We hope you will join us in participating in educational and action-oriented opportunities starting this Lent. Want to learn more? [Sign up here to receive information on our group.](#)



Part of the journey of Lent involves living as Jesus did during the forty days in the desert. **Every year, we like to remind parishioners of the designated days of fasting and abstinence.**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics aged 18-59. Fasting is defined as taking one full meal during the day, and two smaller meals to maintain physical strength. Those small meals should not equal a full meal in quantity. Abstinence forbids the eating of meat and poultry; this is compulsory on Fridays in Lent.



Help Grow Our Parish

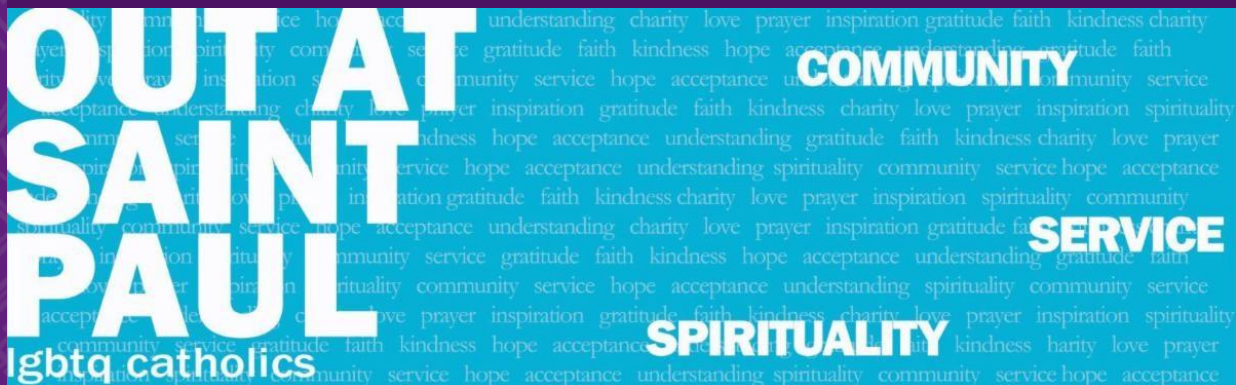
Much like our time and our mental energy is precious to us, material gifts are a form of sacrifice that can make a big impact. Any donations you are able to make during Lent help us tremendously to continue our ministries, support our priests, and maintain our building.

To donate online, go to www.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.

We look forward to growing in faith with you all during this forty-day Lenten journey!

Upcoming Events



OSP Open House

Sunday, March 3rd following the 5PM Mass

Join us at the back of the church after the 5PM mass this Sunday for a social gathering. Whether you're inquiring about our group, are a regular attendee, or haven't been around in a while, it'll be a great opportunity to get to know more about OSP and its members! We look forward to seeing you there.



Lenten Reflections Small Group

Sunday, March 3 from 3:30 PM-5:00 PM in the Parish Center

We are excited to offer weekly audio reflections and small group faith-sharing discussions during the season of Lent. The sessions will be on Sundays at the Parish Center at 3:30 pm. You're invited to join us for weekly, small group gatherings during this season of fasting, prayer, giving and contemplation. Conversation questions will also be provided for our group.

Following our discussion, there will be the opportunity to attend the 5 pm Mass together. Our next sessions will be held on March 10 and March 17. Even if you were not able to join us for previous sessions, we would love to see you at this or any of these later dates.

Apostolist Lent Retreat

Saturday, March 9 from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM in the Parish Center

Join us for a Saturday of reflection on scripture and prayer as we journey together through the desert of Lent. We will also have the opportunity to attend the 5 PM Saturday Vigil Mass as a group.

[Please RSVP here.](#) We are looking forward to sharing this time together!



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 Hilltop Band & Choir, and the Sycamore High School Orchestra, will perform on Friday, March 8th at 1PM and 3PM respectively. Find our full schedule below:

Concert Times

March 8th

Hilltop Band and Choir
at 1 PM
Sycamore HS Orchestra
at 3 PM

March 11th

Austin HS Orchestra
at 10 AM

March 15th

Lee County HS Orchestra
at 4 PM

March 18th

Salem HS Choir
and Orchestra at 2 PM

April 6th

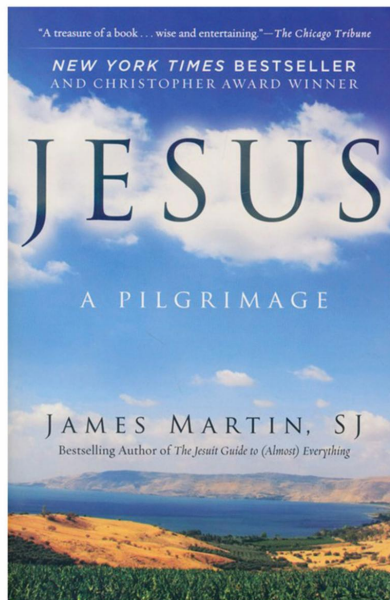
Sylvania Southwest HS Choir
and Orchestra at 10 AM



Give to the 2024 Cardinal's Appeal

The mission of the Archdiocese of New York is to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, aware of the local area and the world, the spiritual and the material, the present and the future. The archdiocese serves 2.5 million Catholics across the New York City boroughs of Manhattan, Staten Island, and the Bronx, as well as in the counties of Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, Westchester, Ulster, Rockland, and Putnam.

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, a critical component of the archdiocesan mission, raises funds to sustain the various ministries, institutions, and outreach programs that serve thousands of individuals and families throughout New York. [Learn more or donate at their website here](#)



St. Paul's Book Club

Join us via Zoom on
Tuesday, March 19th
at 6:30PM

for our discussion of
Jesus: A Pilgrimage
by James Martin, SJ

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

About the Book:

James Martin, SJ, gifted storyteller, St. Paul's parishioner, and New York Times bestselling author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*, brings the Gospels to life and invites believers and seekers alike to experience Jesus through Scripture, prayer, and travel.

Father Martin ushers you into Jesus' life and times and shows us how Jesus speaks to us today through combining fascinating insights of historical Jesus studies with profound spiritual insights about the Christ of faith, recreating the world of first-century Galilee and Judea.



The Living Stations of the Cross, held on Friday, March 22nd at 6:30 PM, presents real people - St. Paul's parishioners - in tableaux expressing the

essential action and emotions of Jesus and those around Him as He made His way to the cross. This experience is moving for performers and spectators alike.

Holy Week Mass Schedule

PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD
5:00PM* (CHOIR)

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH
8:00AM
10:00AM* (CHOIR)
12:30PM (ESPAÑOL)
5:00PM* (CHOIR)

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

MONDAY, MARCH 25TH
CONFESSION | 2PM - 4PM, 6PM - 9PM

HOLY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER | 7:00PM*

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH
STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 12:00PM*
SEVEN LAST WORDS | 1:00PM*
PASSION OF THE LORD | 3:00PM*
SIETE ÚLTIMAS PALABRAS | 5:30PM
TENEBRAE | 7:00PM*

HOLY SATURDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH
EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT | 7:30PM*

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST
8:00AM

10:00AM* (CHOIR)
12:30PM (ESPAÑOL)
5:00PM* (CHOIR)

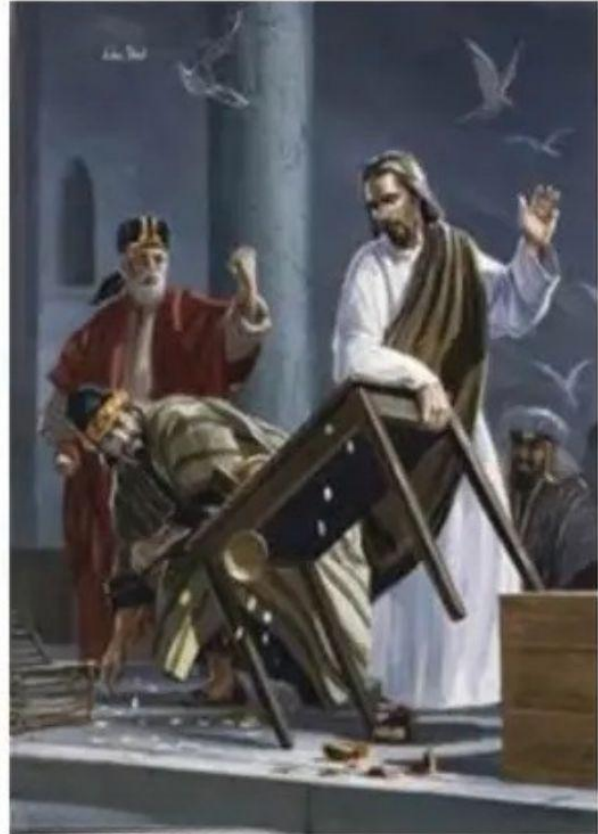
*LIVESTREAMED AT WWW.STPAULTHEAPOSTLE.ORG

Holy Humor

Me: *loses all money in monopoly*

Me: "Don't freak out, it's just a game. What would Jesus do?"

Me: *Thinks of what Jesus would do*



Prayer Requests



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, Maria Veronica Trota, Rodrigo Ospina, Adriana Cardona, Felice Bernardi, Santina & Alfred Montana, Tom Moore, Angelina Maddonni, and Divaldo Camara.

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, Domenico S., Howard Grater, Denise Abady, Margie Fretz, Anna Eakin, Tiffani Nelson, Vanessa Belsito, Karen Potter, Delores Desso, Maureen Moriarty, Stephanie Boccuzzi, and Sean Timothy Tanega.

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, Nicholas, Melissa and Hazel Mae Montana-Walkonis, 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](#)

Mass Intentions

Friday, March 1st

7:30AM - Terrero Yclesa
12:10PM - Oliver Morente Bolener

Saturday, March 2nd

9:00AM † Lita Reyes Magtuloy
5:00PM † Carmen Vega

Sunday, March 3rd

8:00AM † Carmita Lorenzo Schickler
10:00AM † Josephine Andrews
12:30PM - For the People
5:00PM - Elizabeth Reyes Ilagan

Monday, March 4th

7:30AM - Eva & Kennedy Arizaga,
Evangalina Martin
12:10PM † Josephine Andrews

Tuesday, March 5th

7:30AM - Eva & Kennedy Arizaga,
Evangalina Martin
12:10PM † Adolfo Zenteno

Wednesday, March 6th

7:30AM - Eva & Kennedy Arizaga,
Evangalina Martin
12:10PM † Josephine Andrews
6:30PM - For the People

Thursday, March 7th

7:30AM - For the People
12:10PM † Josephine Andrews

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 our Lenten season is underway, 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](#) to donate now!

The Church of Saint Paul the Apostle | 405 West 59 Street, New York, NY 10019

[Unsubscribe bulletins@stpaultheapostle.org](mailto:bulletins@stpaultheapostle.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by bulletin@thechurchofsaintpaultheapostle.ccsend.com powered by



Try email marketing for free today!