

March 27th, 2024



Holy Week



The Pastor's Column

Coming Attractions: The Easter Triduum!

Dear Friends,

What an amazing weekend we just had. I was so moved by the Living Stations of The Cross on Friday evening. Our parishioners, under the direction of Tony Lopresti, presented the Stations in such a thoughtful and dramatic fashion it captivated the great crowd of people who attended. It was as if we saw the Passion with new eyes. Kudos to the troupe of performers who sacrificed their Lenten Saturday mornings to prepare for this event. Their sacrifice was pure gift for all of us.

Friday night led to Palm Sunday Masses where we heard the **Passion of St. Mark** with new ears, thanks for the brilliant new musical setting by J. Oconer Navarro. The performances of the ensemble were so impactful, it held the congregation in rapt attention. No one moved and no one noticed that the Mass was longer than usual! One Paulist said to me that for some, this may have been the first time they really heard and felt the Passion of Christ. If you

missed it or want to watch again, go to this link:



This would be an excellent Good Friday reflection.

One might think that we've peaked too soon this Holy Week, but trust me, we are only beginning. The Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil) and Easter Sunday will be filled with awesome, grace filled moments! There are some new things to call your attention to on Good Friday. At Noon, we will pray the **Stations of the Cross** at Noon in English and in Spanish. Then, we have added the **Seven Last Words** in English at 1pm and in Spanish at 5:30pm. This service showcases reflections from members of the community on the last words spoken by Christ. At the Good Friday Liturgy at 3pm, we will be adding additional stations to venerate the Cross to help accommodate everyone. We are bringing back the **Tenebrae** service at 7:00pm which will be accompanied by Cellist Mitch Lyon and other gifted musicians. This service of Word and Music will conclude with a further veneration of the Cross.

On Holy Saturday, there will be a traditional blessing of the food at 12:30pm. At the 7:30pm Easter Vigil, we will have the largest group to be baptized and received in a very long time. 11 Baptisms, 22 Confirmations! During the liturgy, you will have a chance to hear from some of these folks on how they have encountered the risen Jesus on their journey in the OCIA.

Finally, I heard the choir and orchestra rehearsing. They were awesome and so excited! Be ready to sing out with one of the best choirs in town! We WILL raise the roof in praise of the Risen Lord!

Some important reminders: as the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil flow together, it is important to keep sacred silence as best we can following the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday night, and before and after the Good Friday liturgy. Also, wise parishioners know to arrive early, especially on Easter Sunday 10am Mass.

[Here's a quick link to the Holy Week Schedule](#), or you can scroll down a bit further in this e-mail.

Please welcome all who may be worshipping with us this weekend, make room in your pew, give them a helping hand, extend a sign of peace that says "come back and pray with us again soon."

Thank you for being a wonderful community of faith. Thanks in advance for your support of the parish and these liturgies, spiritually and monetarily! The Parish Staff and I can't wait to celebrate these High Holy Days with you both in person and virtually! On behalf of all of us here at St Paul's, HAPPY EASTER!

God Bless,

Fr. Eric



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

How to Do Holy Week at St. Paul's



Holy Week is, in many ways, the apex of the liturgical year.

Starting on Palm Sunday and continuing through Easter, this eight-day period brings us through all of the mysteries of our faith, celebrating the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The focal point of the Church's prayer this week is the Triduum, which begins on Holy Thursday and extends through our celebration of the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night on Saturday.

Though the celebration spans from Thursday to Saturday, **the Triduum is regarded as a single liturgy that unfolds over the course of three days**, closely mirroring the timeline of the salvific drama the first disciples bore witness to. You will notice that there are no dismissals blessings at the conclusion of mass, and our Friday and Saturday liturgies "pick up" where the previous day's service left off. Experiencing these sacred liturgies in succession helps us

appreciate how we are called to carry our own crosses and truly immerses us in the faith. **We strongly encourage you, if your schedule permits it, to attend each service and in doing so participate fully in the great mystery of salvation.**

Here is a breakdown of our Holy Week schedule at St. Paul's:

Holy Thursday | March 28th



Holy Thursday starts our Triduum liturgy, recounting the first celebration of the Eucharist. **Our mass celebrating the Supper of the Lord will begin at 7:00 PM.** Mass is followed by a period of Adoration of the Eucharist, where our choir will lead us in meditative hymns as we accompany Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Because Holy Thursday is the beginning of the Triduum liturgies, there will be no masses held earlier in the day, though the church will be open for prayer. As we mentioned, the three-day Triduum is also considered one long liturgy; **because of this, we ask that you leave the church in silence at the conclusion of each liturgy on Thursday and Friday to maintain a prayerful atmosphere.**

Good Friday | March 29th



Christ's ultimate sacrifice for the redemption of humanity is commemorated in the Good Friday liturgy. **Our main service, the Passion of the Lord, will be held at 3:00 PM.**

Good Friday has a rich tradition of additional devotional services which we will offer this year:

- **Stations of the Cross will be held at 12:00 PM.** This devotional allows us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus to more deeply witness His journey to Golgotha. Meditating on the fourteen stations, we experience the different ways each station typologically reflects the suffering we may encounter in the world.
- **The Seven Last Words will be held at 1:00 PM in English, and at 5:30 PM in Spanish.** The "Seven Last Words" service is based around the sayings of Jesus upon the cross as recorded by the four Gospel writers. Each phrase will be offered alongside a reflection; traditionally, the seven sayings speak about the themes of forgiveness, salvation, relationship, abandonment, distress, triumph, and reunion.
- **In the evening, a Tenebrae service will be held at 7:00 PM.** *Tenebrae*,

named after Latin word for darkness, has a rich tradition of history in the church and was often celebrated in the three evenings preceding Easter Sunday. Nowadays, the service consists of readings paired with sacred music. After each one, a candle is extinguished

If you can't make it to the church for any of these events, our 3:00 PM Good Friday service and these three devotionals will be live-streamed to our website and social media channels.

Additionally, it's always good to have a reminder that Good Friday is an obligatory day 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.

Holy Saturday | March 30th



The Easter Vigil mass in the Holy Night is perhaps the most moving liturgy in the Church calendar. Plunged into darkness after Christ's sacrifice on the cross, we are guided by the shining light of the word present throughout the evening's readings and psalms to His victory over death. Fallen and then redeemed, we celebrate the joy of the resurrection and the promise of new life.

Our Easter Vigil service will be held at 7:30 PM. God willing, a dozen catechumens will be invited to share in new life through their baptism; an additional dozen candidates will be confirmed alongside them.

Earlier in the day, we invite you to St. Paul's at 12:30 PM for the traditional Świąconka blessing! Świąconka, or the Blessing of the Food, is an ancient Catholic tradition dating back to the paschal celebrations of 7th century Polish communities. Food symbolic of Easter - such as eggs, lamb, bread, and salt - is blessed as an expression of "gratitude to God for all His gifts of both nature and grace." Regardless of what you will cook for yourself or your family, you can bring any food you will serve at your Easter Sunday meal for a blessing.

Finally, we have a favor to ask you to make our Easter Vigil celebration even more special!



BAKERS NEEDED: Help Us Welcome New Catholics at the Easter Vigil

We are the friendliest parish on the West Side of Manhattan, so let's welcome our newly baptized and confirmed Catholics into the fold on the Easter Vigil. This is the 20th year of our beloved tradition - we pray together at mass... and then eat cupcakes!

St. Paul's needs your help! We need volunteers who can bring cupcakes or Easter cookies for our post-Vigil reception on Saturday, March 30th following our 7:30PM service.

It's been a long desert crossing during Lent, so we are going to need a feast. If you're able to help bake Easter cupcakes or cookies, **please reach out to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org to volunteer.** We usually do an old-fashioned e-mail chain to share ideas, prayers, and fun. A little bit of Hecker flour goes a long way!

**You can find our full Holy Week Schedule below, or grab a card with the schedule at the back of the church.
We look forward to praying with you!**

Holy Week Mass Schedule

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

Scenes from the Week



[The Living Stations of the Cross](#) was held on Friday with a great crowd in attendance. Congratulations to all of the parishioners that embodied each station for putting on a truly moving presentation; special thanks to Tony Lopresti for organizing and choreographing!



Associate Pastor Fr. Paul was a panelist at last Saturday's PFLAG conference on interfaith allyship. He's pictured above with members of our OSP ministry that attended alongside him!



Our Holy Week celebration began on Palm Sunday, where large crowds gathered for the procession of the palms singing "Hosanna"!



The day's prayers were punctuated by a soul-stirring musical setting of the Passion of Our Lord According to St. Mark, truly bringing the Word to life in a new and exciting way. [You can watch a playback here](#) to prepare your heart for Good Friday.



Upcoming Events



Holy Thursday Homebase Thursday, March 28 - 6:30 PM-9:30 PM

We will hold next week's Homebase on Thursday so we can attend the 7 pm Holy Thursday Mass as a group and then, following Mass and Adoration, gather to head out to share a meal in the neighborhood. We are looking forward to praying and breaking bread together!



GOOD FRIDAY

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Pontifical Good Friday Collection

SECOND COLLECTION: Good Friday

On Good Friday, we will be conducting The Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land for the benefit and maintenance of the lands where Jesus walked. In the words of Paul VI, it is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities."

Now more than ever, the Christian community in the Holy Land could use our support. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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 Sylvania Southwest HS Choir, will perform on Saturday, April 6th at 10 AM. 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 16th

Cedar Valley Choir
at 1 PM

April 6th

Sylvania Southwest HS Choir
and Orchestra at 10 AM



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!

The Metropolitan Opera

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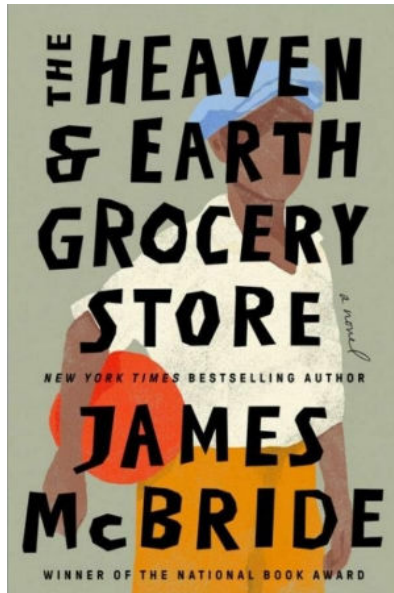
The critically-acclaimed opera premieres at the Met, and director Lileana Blain-Cruz joins us for an evening of conversation on art, faith, and justice

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.

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



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.



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 Team Member Rebecca Park:

“The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures. In this way, they make their own that trinitarian dynamism which God imprinted in them when they were created. Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity.” (LS 240)

This Lenten season has witnessed the beginnings of the Laudato Si team at St. Paul's. As we contemplate our next steps, we are humbled and grateful to see how enthusiastically the parish has embraced Pope Francis's call to care for our common home and know that any action we take will only be stronger if done together. We offer the following Holy Week meditation, as we look forward to a spring of continued collaboration and learning together.

As we enter into the Easter Triduum, we pray for radical hope in the face of despair. Like the disciples who saw Christ crucified on Good Friday, we mourn when we contemplate the myriad challenges facing the planet and the irreparable harm that has already been done. Yet we will soon experience the miracle of the Lord's Resurrection and ask to be strengthened by our faith that, with God, nothing is impossible. Let us greet the Risen Christ with joy, wonder, awe, and humility, and may we carry that spirit of renewal forward with us, encouraging our actions to care for our environment. Let us celebrate together, nurturing our bonds with our families, friends, parish, and wider community and fortifying these connections that will support us when we are discouraged. Let us seek to always cultivate these relationships, at the heart of our Church, and model in our community the ethic of ecological and social care and renewal that we wish to see spread to every corner of our common home.



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!



"Fallon is known for her witty sarcasm and humor but has taken on a more serious role in this film."

– People magazine

"These are the kind of movies we need to go see."

– Seth Myers,
The Seth Myers Show

"She has terrific comedic timing and also excels during the film's poignant scenes."

– NYC Movie Guru

"One of the most iconic character actresses."

– Forbes

AN EMERALD CAZ PRODUCTION

SHELTER in SOLITUDE

April 3, 2024
6 p.m.

Howard Gilman Theater
144 West 65th Street between
Broadway and Amsterdam
New York, NY 10023



Screening and Talkback with actor- screenwriter Siobhan Fallon Hogan

Siobhan Fallon Hogan (*Saturday Night Live*, *Seinfeld*, *Men in Black*) is a longtime comedian, actor, and writer for film and stage—and a devout Catholic. She draws on all those vocations for her latest feature film, *Shelter in Solitude*. It's a heartfelt and heart-breaking story of a down-on-her-luck bar owner in upstate New York who finds work as a guard on death row—and her unlikely friendship with a prisoner scheduled to be executed.

Siobhan Fallon Hogan will join us after the screening for a conversation on making movies, making people laugh, and making it in Hollywood as a woman—and a person of faith.



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A Conversation with John Patrick Shanley

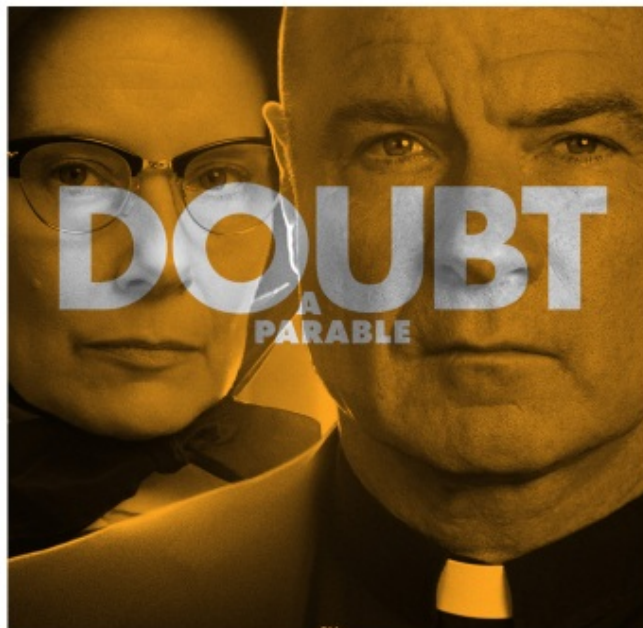
The Tony-winning playwright and renowned screenwriter John Patrick Shanley visits Fordham to talk about the hit Broadway revival of his play *Doubt* and a career that spans from an Oscar for *Moonstruck* to his newest play, *Brooklyn Laundry*. The Center on Religion and Culture's director, David Gibson, will moderate a conversation with the audience.

April 5, 2024
6 – 7 p.m.

Fordham University
at Lincoln Center
McMahon Hall, Room 109
155 West 60th Street
Entrance between
Columbus and Amsterdam
New York, NY 10023

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Above: Liev Schreiber (Father Flynn) and Amy Ryan (Sister Aloysius) in Roundabout Theatre Company's new Broadway production of *Doubt: A Parable* by John Patrick Shanley, directed by Scott Ellis.

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Holy Humor

Jesus: "Table for 26 please"

Waiter: "But there are only 13 of you"

Jesus: "Yes, but we're all going to sit on the same side"



Prayer Requests



Grant eternal rest to 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 Jim O'Brien, Jacqueline Dinella, Ashley Johnson, Marissa Casimiro, Fernando Sanchez, Jane Dengel, Betty Daly, Tom Moore, Karen Jackson, Daniel Wilson, Liliana Gheri, Domenico S., Howard Grater, Denise Abady, Margie Fretz, Anna Eakin, Tiffani Nelson, Vanessa Belsito, Karen Potter, Delores Desso, Maureen Moriarty, Stephanie Boccuzzi, Sean Timothy Tanega, Jeanne Connors, Christopher Henderson, and Bryon Gordon.

Grant peace and well-being to Jean Remyana Rodriguez, Felix & Anthony Mayusa, Nicholas, Melissa & 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 Requests](#)

Mass Intentions

Thursday, March 28th

No Mass Intentions
Service at 7:00 PM

Friday, March 29th

Service at 3:00 PM

Saturday, March 30th

No Mass Intentions
Service at 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 31st

8:00AM † Mary Ryan
10:00AM † Josephine Andrews
12:30PM - For the People
5:00PM † Margaret Mary Kane

Monday, April 1st

10:00AM - † Miroslav Kuklewicz

Tuesday, April 2nd

7:30AM † Esther Silberberg
12:10PM † Philip & Rose Dondiego

Wednesday, April 3rd

7:30AM - For the People
12:10PM † Kim Conner

Thursday, April 4th

7:30AM - The Bryan Family
12:10PM † Ralph Box, Jr.

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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