Two weekends ago, over 60,000 Catholics travelled to Indianapolis for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. It was the first in 83 years. According to the organizers the primary purpose of the gathering was to worship Jesus in the Eucharist as one Church. It was prompted by concerns among U.S. Bishops that belief in the real presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine at Mass was waning among Catholics.

From all the reports I have heard, it was a meaningful gathering of the faithful, and there was a spirit of unity among the great diversity of people gathered. This is a sign that Christ was present among those gathered. While many of the keynote speeches and break outtalks focused on more traditional themes, there were opportunities for more forward-thinking presentations. For instance, Paulist Father Ricky Manalo offered a talk entitled “One in Christ, Divided in Politics: The Eucharist in a Time of Polarization.” This probably was a subject on everyone’s mind, especially as the Congress began three days after the assassination attempt on Former President Trump. The talk was well attended and was featured in a National Catholic Reporter article.

In his talk, Fr. Ricky pointed to research that showed that Americans are more afraid of their fellow citizens in whom they may disagree than hostile economic forces, natural disasters and foreign enemies. In a Marist/NPR poll one in five
Americans are ready to resort to violence to “save our country.” How did we get here? Fr. Ricky wondered.

Fr. Manalo told those gathered that Catholic Tradition and the Eucharist offer vital solutions to the bitter partisanship in politics. He suggested that the Eucharist could bridge divides by focusing on a common faith that fosters a sense of solidarity. He added that the sacrament offers a model of humility and sacrifice that challenges Catholics to set aside partisan politics in favor of the common good and in favor of dialogue over conflict. While there is nothing wrong with strongly grounded beliefs and opinions, the key, Fr. Ricky said, is to be able to listen attentively to one another with a sense of empathy. “The Eucharist encourages believers to see each person as a beloved child of God, to see beyond our differences, to recognize that all are created in God’s image and are equally valuable.”

Fr. Ricky reminds us that the Eucharist it is not only something to be adored, it is an action of God’s grace that transforms and changes us. The Eucharist is Christ’s continual self-gift for the life of the world. As Christ becomes truly present to us at the Mass, the Lord calls us to respond in love and thanksgiving by becoming what we receive and being Christ for others in the world. As St. Augustine taught, every time we receive the Eucharist we become more of what we receive.

As we approach the fall elections and all the craziness that goes with it, not only is it essential to stay close to the Lord in prayer and the Sacraments but it is even more critical to live the Eucharist by being an instrument of God’s inexhaustible love and mercy for others.

As I write this, we are putting together our own fall campaign to help us to do just that as a community of faith. As they say: Watch this space.

God bless,

Reverend Eric Andrews, CSP
Pastor, St. Paul the Apostle
AUGUST 7TH AT 7:00 PM
OSP BIBLE STUDY

AUGUST 25TH AT 6:30 PM
AFTER-MASS PICNIC
IN CENTRAL PARK
August Apostle Events

8/4
Welcome Table
Soup Kitchen
Xavier Mission
12pm - 4pm

8/15
Homebase (Mass and Gelato)
Amorino Gelato
6:30pm - 8pm

8/17
God’s Love We Deliver
166 Avenue of the Americas
1:30pm - 4:30pm

8/18
Kayaking
Manhattan Community Boathouse
3pm - 4:30pm

8/28
Homebase (Documentary Watch/Q&A)
St Paul Parish Center
6:30pm - 8pm

RSVP By Event Here

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

St. Paul’s is sponsoring a drive for Catholic Charities Guardian Services to collect and donate items school kids ages 5 through 18 will need this fall!

From August 15th – August 30th, you can donate the following items at the Parish Center (405 West 59th Street):

- School supplies such as backpacks, folders, binders, looseleaf paper, crayons, markers, notebooks, pencils, rulers, and erasers
- Technology such as tablets, laptops and iPads.

Donate August 15th – August 30th
God’s Love We Deliver

Join us and let’s make a difference together

Make sure to RSVP

08/17/2024
1:30 - 4:30 PM
166 Avenue of the Americas
August Book Club

Rose Hawthorne Lathorp, daughter of the famous author Nathaniel Hawthorne, lived a remarkable life. This biography discusses her family life, conversion to the Catholic faith – in part because of her encounters with the Paulist Fathers – and her decades of work with the poor in New York City.

August 20th at 6:30 PM
In the Parish Center

RSVP to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org
COME AND SEE
St. Paul’s annual OCIA Inquiry Program
Sundays, 11:30 AM to 1 PM
Beginning September 8, 2024
To learn more:
Contact Director of OCIA Dave de la Fuente
david.de.la.fuente@stpaultheapostle.org
SUMMER with SCRIPTURE

FAITH FORMATION SERIES
WITH PASTORAL ASSOCIATE DAVE DE LA FUENTE AND PARISHIONERS

FOCUSING ON THE GOSPEL OF LUKE & ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

EVERY SUNDAY AT 3 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Registration Now Open for the 2024 - 2025 School Year

For families registering for Religious Education at St. Paul’s for the first time, the Religious Education Registration Form is available at the parish receptionist’s desk, the welcoming center and on our webpage.

Click here to access the registration form online.

REGISTER BY
Sunday, August 18th

FIRST CLASSES
Sunday, September 22nd
St. Paul's OCIA Leaders Attend Conference in Chicago

Read about their week from Dr. Dave de la Fuente, our director of OCIA!

Read More

Parish Donations

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### Monthly Church Operating Budget

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### Holy Humor

![Cartoon of animals on a boat named Noah's Ark]

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### Prayer Requests

See More
Grant eternal rest to John M. Padron, Christina K. Concepcion, Willie Richie, Dr. Simon Martin Herrera, Anne E. Yeomans, Dr. Jorge Gobaira, Christian K. Maluf, Fernando M. Herrera, Dr. Ruben Urrutia, Jovencino Gonzalez, Corazon Manalastas, Fr. Vinny, Fr. Gabriele, Jo Andrews, and Imelda Apostol Alcayde.

Grant health or healing to Martin Lally, Deacon Wally Sandoval, James H. Hughes III, Anthony Nicks, Stephanie Boccuzzi, Delores Desso, Dennis Onacilla, Christopher Henderson, Denise Abady, Lucy Giordano, Heather Lappin, Eileen Schreiber, Lee Callaghan, Ivan Sheth, Marian Kinney, Marilyn Cheney, Tanzina Assante, Michael Corrao, Joan Alatriste, Andrew Moynihan, Kerry Flynn, Shania N., and the Nicks 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
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
8:30 AM
Sunday Mass
Saturday
5:00 PM (Vigil)

Friday, August 2nd
7:30AM † Jan Kulewicz
12:10PM † Jules Lee
Saturday, August 3rd
8:30 AM - Dan Vincent & Family
5:00 PM † Joyce Birch
Sunday, August 4th
8:00AM † Mary Davoren
10:00AM † Louise E. DeMartino
12:30PM - Para Las Benditas Animas Del Purgatorio
5:00PM † Eloisa Burgos

Monday, August 5th
7:30AM † Alexander Wieczorek
12:10PM † Julia Echevarria Cruz Sanovia & Family
Tuesday, August 6th
7:30AM - Ira Pratt & Family
12:10PM - Ann Logan & Family
Wednesday, August 7th
7:30AM - Basil Vasteba & Family
12:10PM - Lena Olick & Family
Thursday, August 8th
7:30AM † Jan Kulewicz
12:10PM † Erundina Rodriguez
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
Our services, along with the readings and hymns for weekends, 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

Help us make Ordinary Time extraordinary with a donation to support our ministries!

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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