

April 3rd, 2025



Fifth Sunday in Lent



The Pastor's Column

Ambassadors for Christ

Yes, my friends, that is what we are! That was the Word we heard last Sunday at Mass (except for the 5pm Mass Sunday.) To recap, in his second letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul wrote:

*God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,
not counting their trespasses against them
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
So we are ambassadors for Christ,
as if God were appealing through us.*

In many ways, we are excellent ambassadors for Christ: welcoming the stranger, feeding the hungry, participating fully at Mass, advocating for justice and peace, inviting our family, friends and neighbors to check out St. Paul in

person or online, liking us on Facebook, etc. In these many ways we are making Christ present in the world, as we look for Jesus in all the people we encounter.

Of course, there is more work to be done, especially the continual call to reconcile all things to God in Christ. We are called to be healers and mediators in an increasingly angry and divided society. What do we do with family or friends who have deeply hurt us? How about a divorced spouse or an abusive parent? How do we have a relationship with someone we strongly disagree with? Can we resolve conflict without calling a lawyer? From my observation and from my own behavior, most of us are conflict avoidant, afraid of opening a can of worms. Perhaps we hope for the best, desire peace at any cost, hoping bad things will get resolved by God with no active effort on our part. Sadly, those strategies rarely work, and sooner or later, the day of reckoning always comes, and we are rarely equipped.

Thanks be to God, help is on the way!! I invite you to attend this Sunday's Evening Talk on the new book *Conflict Resilience: Negotiating Disagreement Without Giving Up or Giving In* by author Robert (Bob) Bordone. In this powerful, hopeful book, Bob and renowned neurologist Joel Salinas, MD, combine the inner mechanics of conflict--literally what's going on in our bodies and our brains during moments of distress--with a groundbreaking three-step framework for how to navigate it. I've known Bob for over 10 years. He is an active parishioner of the Paulist Center in Boston and a good friend of the Paulists and me.

This major event of our Lenten Season Programming will begin after the 5pm Mass (around 6:30 PM) in the Parish Center. This will be an in-person event only and a freewill offering will be taken. [We invite you to RSVP below, or by simply clicking here.](#)

I hope you will take this opportunity to further enhance your toolkit as an ambassador for Christ. We have been chosen and called to this great mission. Let's do it to the best of our ability!

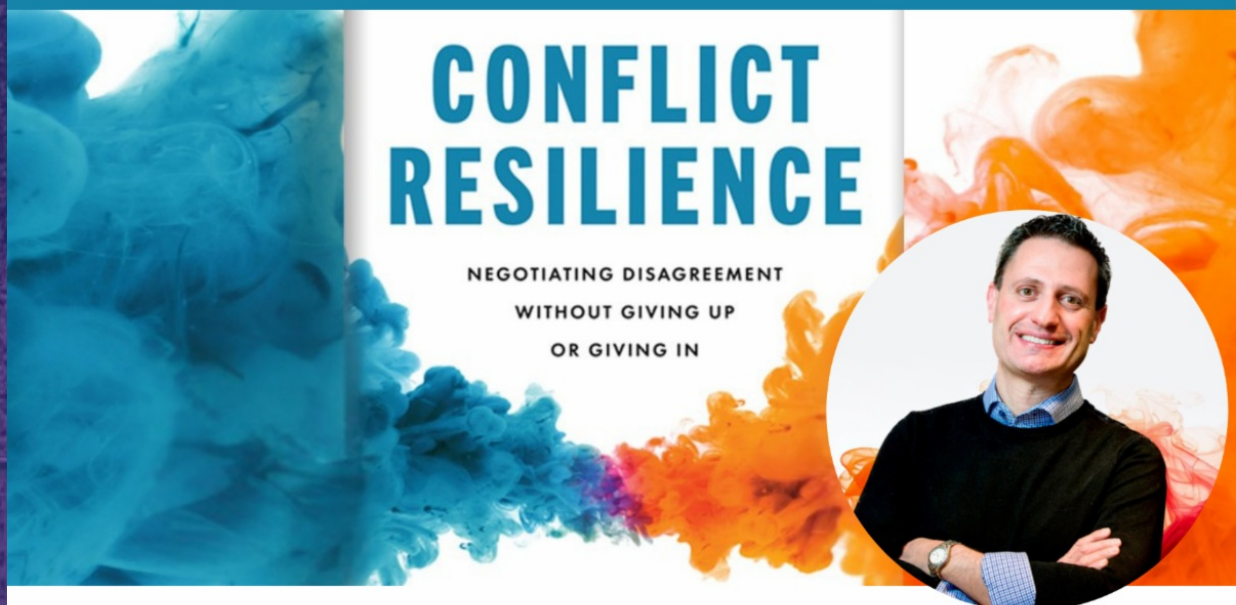
God Bless,



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

Author Talk:

Conflict Resilience with Bob Bordone



Polarizing times are harming our ability to have thoughtful, measured discussions. This book explores the ability to sit with the discomfort of our disagreements, even when resolution or problem solving or agreement aren't necessarily possible. Mr. Bordone and renowned neurologist Joel Salinas, MD, combine the inner mechanics of conflict--literally what's going on in our bodies and our brains during moments of distress--with a groundbreaking three-step framework for how to navigate it.

Sunday, April 6th at 6:30 PM
in the Parish Center

[RSVP Here](#)

The Sacred Season of Lent

**SWEPT UP
IN THE WINDS
OF CHANGE?**



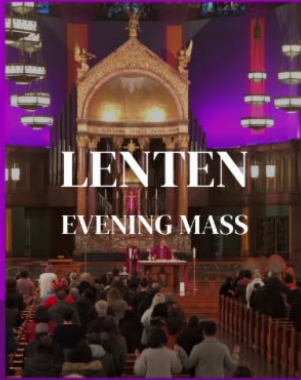
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YOUR HOPE
IN CHRIST**



ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE, NYC

WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES

MARCH 5TH - APRIL 17TH

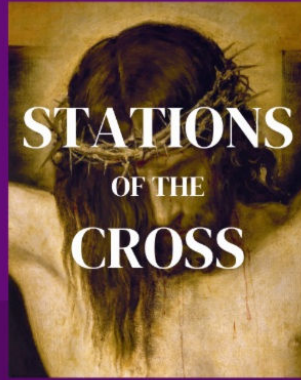


LENTEN EVENING MASS

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
AT 6:30 PM**

In addition to our regular masses, join the parish in prayer every Wednesday evening.

OCIA will gather at the March 26th mass to present the Creed to this year's catechumens, and again on April 6 to present the Lord's Prayer.



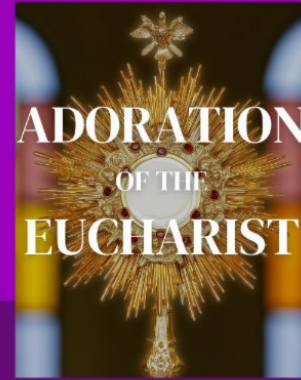
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

WAY OF THE CROSS
Following the 12:10 PM Mass

MINISTRY-LED STATIONS
at 6:00 PM

VIA CRUCIS EN ESPANOL
at 7:00 PM



ADORATION OF THE EUCCHARIST

**FRIDAY MORNINGS
FROM 8AM - 12PM**

Sit in quiet contemplation with the Lord every Friday morning in Lent.

The period of Adoration will conclude each week with a Benediction at 11:50 AM.

This week's Ministry-Led Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM will be led by our Laudato Si Environmental Ministry.

PALM SUNDAY

April 13th

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5:00 PM*
Masses on Sunday at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM*,
12:30 PM (en Español), and 5:00 PM*

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

April 14th

Confessions held on Monday, April 14th from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM,
and 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM here and throughout the Archdiocese.

HOLY THURSDAY

April 17th

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM*

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18th

Bilingual Stations of the Cross at 12:00 PM*
Seven Last Words at 1:00 PM*
The Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 PM*
Siete Ultimas Palabras at 5:30 PM*
Tenebrae at 7:00 PM* followed by Veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

April 19th

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at 7:30 PM*

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20th

Masses held at at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM*,
12:30 PM (en Español), and 5:00 PM*

*Livestreamed to Vitch Church at www.stpaultheapostle.org

PALM SUNDAY



This Palm Sunday, we will have the rare opportunity to listen to a sung recitation of this year's Passion narrative taken from the Gospel of Luke. St. Augustine once said that "he who sings prays twice," a phrase that is especially fitting for this dynamic, emotional, and deeply human presentation of the scripture. The musical setting for this year's liturgy was composed by J. Oconer Navarro with music direction by Joey Chancey and will be delivered by many of our talented music ministers.

Hear the Passion prayed in song on
SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH | 5 PM MASS
SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH | 10 AM & 5 PM MASS

Here's the latest episode of *Practicing Catholic!*
Click below to watch.



Upcoming Events



EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF SACRED ART

Join us on Wednesday, April 9th following the 6:30 PM Lenten Mass for a captivating art talk.

Renowned sacred art expert **Emily Valentine Sottile**, Director of the Sacred Space Studio at EverGreene Architectural Arts in Brooklyn, will guide us through the profound beauty and symbolism of **William Laurel Harris'** magnificent mural of the Crucifixion located above the choir loft.

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 9TH**

Following the 6:30 PM Mass

WWW.STPAULTHEAPOSTLE.ORG/ART-TALK

2025

Spring Concert

The Fordham University Choir

Under the Direction of Robert Minotti

The Fordham University Women's Choir

Under the Direction of Stephen Fox

Featuring the Bronx Arts Ensemble



John Leavitt

MISSA FESTIVA

Gabriel Fauré

REQUIEM

Saturday, April 5, 2025

at 7:30 P.M.

Church of St. Paul the Apostle

W 60th St. and Columbus Ave.

Free Admission



FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

THE JESUIT UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Living Stations of the Cross presents real people in tableaux expressing the essential action and emotions of Jesus and those around Him as He made His way to the cross. Coreographed by Tony Lopresti, each station embodies a profound and deeply human walk through the Passion of Christ in what is sure to be an immersive and prayerful experience.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH
AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH**

SVDP Needs Your Help!

Greetings! The St. Vincent de Paul Society at our church assists members of our parish community in their time of need.



With your support, we have distributed over \$50,000.00 of direct aid to the most vulnerable among us. Some of the things we help with are eviction prevention, utility payments, medical emergencies, clothing and food.

Currently, the need in our community is growing at a rapid pace and we must ask for your help. Please consider donating to our organization so that we can continue our work.

Monetary donations can be made online at svdpspanyc.org, by drop off to the Parish Center or by mail to: SVDP at St. Paul the Apostle Church 405 West 59th Street NY, NY 10019. You can also scan the QR Code below.

Reach us by phone at 203-493-4021. God bless you!



**Scan Here to
Donate Now**



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 below - no tickets or RSVP required!

March 27th

Franklin High School Choir and Orchestra - 3:00 PM

April 4th

Delaware Hayes High School Orchestra - 1:30 PM
Harrison SFA High School Orchestra - 3:00 PM

April 9th

Western Branch High School Choir - 4:00 PM

April 10th

Western Branch High School Band - 9:30 AM

April 11th

Pallisades High School Choir - 1:00 PM
Dixon High School Choir - 3:00 PM

May 3rd

Liberty High School Band & Choir - 10:00 AM



2025 Easter Basket Drive

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

March 23rd - April 13th

www.stpaultheapostle.org/easter-basket



Here's what to do:

1. Select an ornament for each basket you are going to bring in and remember to return the basket with it attached to the top of the basket (on the outside).
2. Either make a basket or buy one at Duane Reade, CVS, Target, Costco, etc).
 - Make sure all items in the basket are age-appropriate.
 - Please do not include any homemade food items or Easter eggs!
 - A great extra for teens is gift cards like Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Apple, Best Buy, Target, Modell's, McDonald's, places kids like to shop. Other ideas are brand new toiletries, socks, water bottles, costume jewelry, nail polish, make-up, micro umbrellas, and sports related items.
 - Make sure the basket is sealed with cellophane!
3. If you can't make a basket beforehand, consider joining us for a family-friendly morning where we will make Easter Baskets on Saturday, April 12th! We will meet in the Parish Center from 10 AM - 12 PM. Bring your own supplies to make baskets, decorate cupcakes with us, and share in the joy with our parish community!
4. **Return the basket on Palm Sunday, April 13th, at any mass so the baskets can be blessed.** Bring the whole family for the blessing of the baskets after each mass and have your phone cameras ready — it is AMAZING!



Make - Your - Own Easter Basket

**Are you a family with children ages 5 through 12
looking to spend a fun morning together?**

Bring some supplies to make an Easter Basket with you to the Parish Center! You can decorate an Easter cupcake, hear a story about the Easter Bunny, and make your basket for the drive.

We'd love to have you!

Saturday, April 12th

from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

[RSVP Here](#)



blessing of the easter meal

HOLY SATURDAY AT 11:30 AM

Come to St. Paul's on Holy Saturday at 11:30 AM for the traditional Świąconka blessing!

Świąconka, or the Blessing of the Easter Meal, 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. As a token of this gratitude, the bounty at one's dinner table is sanctified with the hope that spring, the season of the Resurrection, will also be blessed by God's goodness and mercy."

Regardless of what you will cook for yourself or your family, you can bring any food you will serve at your Easter Sunday meal to the church for a blessing. Join us for this wonderful expression of gratitude and joy!

THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

MUSIC MINISTRY

is proud to announce the first ever

PILGRIMAGE
to ITALY

September 16 - 25, 2025

FLORENCE | ASSISI | ROME

Musical Pilgrimage

a once in a lifetime experience

The Music Ministry at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City is making their first-ever Pilgrimage to Italy this September! These singers and musicians graciously dedicate themselves each week to creating the richest faith experience possible through the gift of music. This Pilgrimage is our opportunity to live out our Ministry's mission of sharing our music far beyond our home of New York City and going abroad to the historic and sacred cities of Italy.

Donate Now

to make our pilgrimage a reality

More info & links to our donation pages at
www.stpaultheapostle.org/2025-pilgrimage

Learn More

ST. PAUL'S
BIBLE STUDY
EVERY SUNDAY AT 9AM



ST. PAUL'S PARISH CENTER
405 West 59th Street in Room 101

Laudato Si

Ministry at St. Paul's

[CLICK HERE TO READ
OUR WEEKLY REFLECTION](#)

Scenes From the Week



During the Rite of Scrutiny on Sunday, the parish gave a blessing to our

catechumens as they continue their final weeks of preparation for Easter!



St. Paul's
NYC

We got to pray with many parishioners yesterday evening for God's intercession and healing - it was a beautiful and moving mass.

Parish Donations

Collections	Week Ending in 3/30/2025	Week Ending in 4/1/2024
Total	\$14,609	\$23,978
In-Pew	\$14,609	\$23,978
Faith Direct	N/A	N/A
YTD* (+18.84%)	\$757,370 (2025)	\$637,308 (2024)

*Financial Year begins on September 1st and ends August 31st

Monthly Church Operating Budget	FY 2025	FY 2024
March Operating Budget	\$291,500	\$233,333
March In-Pew Collections Total	\$59,670	\$61,221
YTD Surplus/Deficit (end of February)	+\$290,885	+\$186,762

Holy Humor

When you're fasting from meat and
have to try new foods



[See More](#)

Prayer Requests



Prayer Requests

Grant eternal rest to Jonathan Gagne, Eileen Schreiber, John Annoreno, Bro. Gary Eck, S.M., Giuseppe Ciavarella, Rev. Msgr. Michael Crimmins, Sabrina Clauss-Ehlers, John Freitas, Zdenko Dujmovic, and Therese Anne Walles

Grant health or healing to Neal Hitzig, Isha Clarke, Robbin Kemp, Christine Becker, Tiffani Nelson, Liliana Rohrer, Denise Abady , Don Belsito, April McDonald, Daniel Wilson, Rev. John Krivak, Jewel Amond, Luke Nedza, Christopher Henderson, Nick Burriesci, Margaret Pietsch, Julia Horan, Dr. Adria Gallup-Black, Daniel and Linda Wilson, and the Assante Family.

Grant peace and well-being to Keon Whyte, Rev. Samuel Perrins, Karolina Jiménez , Kyle Frank, Rick Frank, Bridget Frank, Marcine Stephenson , Antoinette Cinturati, Patrick Brennan, Leonardo Canas, Baby Elias, and Mariana de los Angeles Sevcek.

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, April 4th

7:30 AM + James Gallafin
12:10PM + Francis Iwanski

Saturday, April 5th

8:00AM - Joe Taylor
5:00PM + Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, April 6th

8:00AM + Oracio Marciano
10:00AM - Ida Kupres
12:30PM - For the People
5:00PM + Eloisa Burgos

Monday, April 7th

7:30 AM + Demosthenes Alegrado
12:10PM + Catalino Real

Tuesday, April 8th

7:30AM + Brian Kremen
12:10PM + Julio Juan Valentin, Jr.

Wednesday, April 9th

7:30AM + Rose Ann Corrigan
12:10PM + Julio Juan Valentin, Jr.
6:30PM - Max Fernandez

Thursday, April 10th

7:30AM + Patrick Thomas
12:10PM - Thomas Janczys

Parish Information



Church Hours

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday - Friday

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday

8:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Sunday

7:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

7:30 AM and 12:10 PM

Wednesday

7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 6:30 PM

Saturday

8:30AM

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





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WHEREVER YOU GO!

Masses Livestreamed

WEEKDAYS AT 12:10 PM

SATURDAYS AT 5 PM

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM & 5 PM



Virtch Church on the St. Paul's
Website

Virtch Church on YouTube

Virtch Church on Facebook



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

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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