

April 16th, 2025



The Sacred Triduum

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

Blessing of the Easter Meal at 11:30 AM

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

The Pastor's Column

Happy High Holy Days!

On Thursday night, we will begin the Sacred Paschal Triduum so to enter more deeply into the death and resurrection of Christ, and to live its mystery. I invite you to join us in person or via virtch church to this continuous rite of the Triduum liturgy that takes place over three days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. Many people consider the Triduum an annual retreat experience, setting aside the three days for profound prayer and reflection. I encourage everyone to make this pilgrimage with Christ this week or at least once in your life. Hopefully, it will become a regular experience. Here are a few highlights...

Thursday evening, we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist. During the Mass, the Paulists will renew their solemn promises to serve the People of God. Then parishioners will have their feet washed by Fr. Paul, Fr. Chris, and myself, following Christ's instruction to serve one another as he has served us. Finally, we will process the Eucharist to the High Altar and hold vigil and stay awake with Christ as he instructed his disciples at the Garden of Gethsemane. I am always struck by the powerful witness of our parishioners who stay with Jesus in prayer into the night.

Good Friday is a day of fasting, when we focus on the agony of the crucifixion and lift up the whole suffering world in prayer. While we know the ending to the story, we still pause in the middle to remember the passion, to fix our eyes on our crucified Lord, and to venerate the cross. There is no other way to fully grasp the depth of Christ's love for us. We are grateful for the creative efforts of our resident composer J. Oconer Navarro and our gifted musicians who will bring the Passion according to St. John to life in a new way this year.

The Crowning of the Triduum is the Easter Vigil. We gather at night, recalling how Christ rose from the dead that holy night over 2000 years ago. With the light of the new pascal candle to pierce the darkness, we listen to the history of salvation from the creation of the world to the resurrection of Jesus. As the Gospel is proclaimed, we will praise God with a great Alleluia for the gift of eternal life and then celebrate the new life of Christ bestowed on our 32 newly baptized and confirmed parishioners. It's really quite something, and while I know Catholics' internal alarm clocks go off after sixty minutes, our music ministry will guarantee that it's worth staying way past that until the final Alleluia.

I anticipate that many people will come to pray with us this weekend. I have been so heartened by the high level of participation in all of our Lenten events from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday. So, come early and come often! It will be well worth your time. Your heart and soul will be nourished so you can go forth and be instruments of God's Love in the world!

On behalf of all of us here, abundant blessings to you this Holy Week and Easter Season!

Happy Easter,



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

P.S.: This past Palm Sunday we were overwhelmed by the numbers of people, and the great response to our Easter Basket drive. While this was wonderful, we didn't have enough palm branches for everyone who came, and many parishioners were angry and upset. Please accept my heartfelt apologies. As a son of an Italian mother who always was ready when additional people showed up for dinner, I remain deeply embarrassed, and will do everything I can to make sure that doesn't happen again. Rest assured; there will be more palm branches at St Paul's next year than in all of Miami! That is my solemn vow.

Mea Culpa! Mea Culpa, Mea Maxima Culpa!

A Holy Week Overview



The Triduum liturgies bring us through all of the mysteries of our faith, celebrating the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. **The Triduum is regarded as a single liturgy that unfolds over the course of three days.** We ask that parishioners leave each service in silence so we can maintain a reverent atmosphere in the church.

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

Holy Thursday | April 17th



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.

Because Holy Thursday marks the start of the Triduum liturgies, **there will be no masses held earlier in the day.** The church will be open for prayer.

Good Friday | April 18th



Christ's ultimate sacrifice for the redemption of humanity is commemorated in the Good Friday liturgy and through additional devotions.

- Bi-lingual Stations of the Cross will be held at 12:00 PM.
- The Seven Last Words will be held at 1:00 PM in English, and at 5:30 PM in Spanish.
- **Our main service, the Passion of the Lord, will be held at 3:00 PM.** The service will include the premiere of a newly composed setting of the Passion According to St. John from J. Oconer Navarro. The liturgy includes the Veneration of the Cross and communion.
- Our Tenebrae service will be held at 7:00 PM. Following the service, there will be another opportunity for Veneration of the Cross.

Additionally, it's always good to have a reminder that **Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstention from eating meat** for all Catholics aged 18-59.

Holy Saturday | April 19th



The Easter Vigil mass in the Holy Night is perhaps the most moving liturgy of the year. **Our Easter Vigil service will be held at 7:30 PM.** God willing, a dozen catechumens will be baptized at mass, and more will be confirmed into the faith.



Earlier in the day, we invite you to St. Paul's at 11:30 AM for the traditional Świąconka blessing! Bring the food you'll share at table on Easter Sunday to the church entrance.



This is the 21st year of our beloved Easter Vigil tradition - we pray together at mass... and then eat cupcakes! We need volunteers who can bring cupcakes or Easter cookies for our post-Vigil reception on Saturday, April 19th following our 7:30PM service. If you're able to help bake Easter cupcakes or cookies, [please fill out this brief form](#) to volunteer.

Easter Sunday | April 20th



Holy Week concludes with the celebrations on Easter Sunday! Masses will be held on Sunday, April 20th at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM (in Spanish), and 5:00 PM. Make sure to arrive 15 minutes early so you can get a seat; the church will be packed!

On Easter Monday, we will hold one mass at 10:00 AM; the church will be open for its usual hours, but the Parish Center will be closed.

[More Holy Week Information](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, April 27th at 10:00 AM

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30 PM (in the Parish Center)

OUT AT ST. PAUL'S SPRING MASS

Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00 PM

VISITING VOICES CONCERT

Saturday, May 3rd at 10:00 AM

FR. DAVE DWYER'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, May 4th at 10:00 AM

ST. PAUL'S CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

Monday, May 12th at 7:00 PM

**SR. ELIZABETH JOHNSON:
BRUNCH AND BOOK TALK**

Friday, May 16th at 10:00 AM

PAULIST ORDINATION MASS

Saturday, May 17th at 10:00 AM

POETS@ST.PAUL MEETING

Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00 PM

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!



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Rebuilding Peace
in the Holy Land

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Friday
April 18
2025

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection.

The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility to care for the Holy Places as well for the “Living Stones,” the Christians living there. It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. This collection will support upkeep of the holy sites, social and charitable activities, schools, and pastoral activities through the Franciscan order. [Learn more by clicking here; thank you in advance for your generosity!](#)



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."

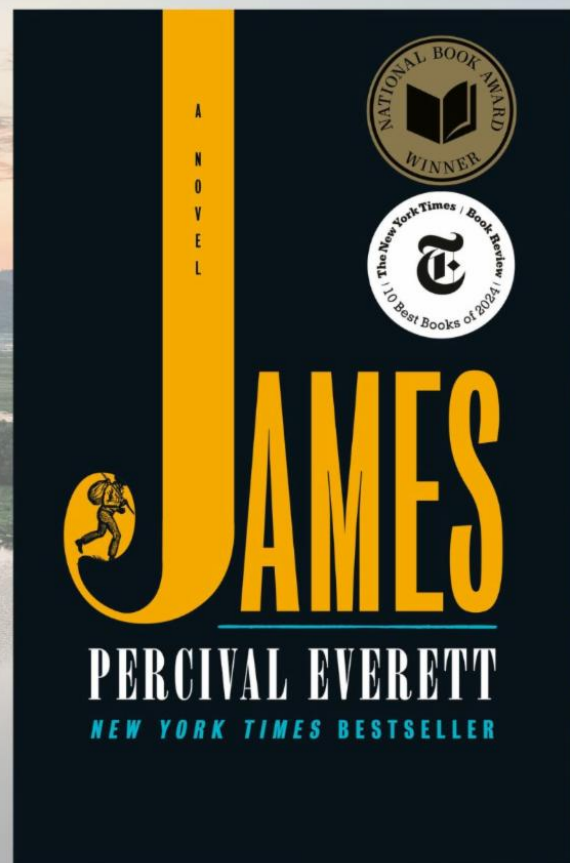
Regardless of what you will cook for yourself or your family, you can bring any food you will serve at your Easter Sunday meal to the church for a blessing. Join us for this wonderful expression of gratitude and joy!

April BOOK CLUB

A brilliant reimagining of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*—both harrowing and satirical—told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.

Brimming with nuanced humor and lacerating observations that have made Everett a literary icon, this brilliant and tender novel radically illuminates Jim's agency, intelligence, and compassion as never before.

Winner of the 2024
National Book Award.



TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH
at 6:30PM in the Parish Center
RSVP to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org

Poets@StPaul

In-Person Gathering



For more information, contact: tholahan@paulist.org

Poets@StPaul meets monthly to learn more about poetry writing as well as sharing recent work. All are welcome to our poetry gatherings: poetry writers, poetry lovers and the poetry curious. Bring a poem you have written or a favorite by another! Reading and discussion to follow.

Wednesday, May 21st
at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center



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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.

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

[Learn More](#)

Laudato Si

Ministry at St. Paul's

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OUR WEEKLY REFLECTION](#)

Scenes From the Week



St.
Paul's
NYC

Holy Week began with our Palm Sunday liturgies. There was a beautiful

presentation of the Passion narrative from the Gospel of Luke.



After the 5PM mass, [we gathered in the back of the church for the Blessing of the Easter Baskets!](#) Parishioners donated hundreds of baskets for the benefit of children and teens at Abbot House and Catholic Guardian Services. Special thanks to Tania Chebli for organizing the drive and helping us to make Easter special for those in need!





The Archdiocese of New York held its Chrism Mass yesterday! Hundreds of priests from around the city gathered for the consecration and distribution of the holy oils we will use throughout the year. In the screenshot above, you can see Fr. Eric and Fr. James smile as they are greeted by Paulist Seminarian James Marquez who is sitting in the first row.

The service was beautiful, and we had the privilege to [re-stream it to our community](#). Perhaps the most amazing thing is how good of a seat James was able to get at the Cathedral. Take notes from him this Holy Week!

Parish Donations

<u>Collections</u>	Week Ending in 4/13/2025	Week Ending in 4/15/2024
Total	\$42,920	\$42,994
In-Pew	\$14,702	\$7,953
Faith Direct	\$28,218	\$35,059
YTD* (+17.84%)	\$810,739 (2025)	\$688,001 (2024)

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

<u>Monthly Church Operating Budget</u>	FY 2025	FY 2024
April Operating Budget	\$291,500	\$233,333
April In-Pew Collections Total	\$25,151	\$33,149
YTD Surplus/Deficit (end of February)	+\$290,885	+\$186,762

Holy Humor

Jesus walks into a bar: “Just 12 waters please!” *winks at disciples*



[See More](#)

Prayer Requests



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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, Therese Anne Walles, Stephanie Katechis, and Robert K. Echenauer.

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, Barbara Abady, Maureen Moriarty, 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 18th

No Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 19th

No Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 20th

8:00AM - Janet DiLuzio

10:00AM + Joana Villela-Sarto

12:30PM + Deceased of the Reyes Family

5:00PM - For the People

Monday, April 21st

10:00AM + Felicia Felarca Ramos &

Alfonso T. Martinez

Tuesday, April 22nd

7:30AM + MaryAnn Cramer

12:10PM + Annette Tormey

Wednesday, April 23rd

7:30AM + Max Manigat

12:10PM + Herbert & Marie Kerr

Thursday, April 24th

7:30AM + Joan Alatraste

12:10PM + Eileen Maxon Offer

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

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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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