

April 24th, 2025



The Octave of Easter



The Pastor's Column

Remembering Pope Francis

Do you remember where you were on March 13, 2013? I was at the Salt Lake City airport when Pope Francis appeared on the balcony of St. Peter's as the new Pope. I was picking up an actress for a movie we were working on together for Paulist Productions. She wasn't Catholic but was as excited as I was to learn who this new person was. We listened intently on the car radio. The name "Bergolio" was announced. We had no idea who this was, nor what this appointment would mean.

A day or two later, there was a photo of Pope Francis going to his hotel to pay off his bill and collect his suitcase. It was at that moment that I relaxed. Here was someone with grace and humility. Someone who wouldn't bother someone else with things that were his own responsibility. His pontificate was filled with many actions like these that spoke volumes. He decided to live at the Santa Marta Residence, the very plain Vatican dormitory, instead of the grand Papal apartments. During his U.S. visit, he would ride in a little Fiat car surrounded by giant black SUVs. When a child with Down's syndrome wandered up on the

stage during an audience, he sat him down right next to him, holding his hand, displacing the Cardinal sitting next to him. He was a pastor, not a canon lawyer.

Of course, this cut both ways. When I was trying to lobby the Vatican for us Paulists to be allowed back into the beautifully decorated Santa Susanna Church in Rome where we had served Americans for 90 years, Cardinal Parolin, the number two guy, told me, with a grin on his face, that the new, much plainer, church we were offered was “more in keeping with Pope Francis’ spirituality of simplicity.” How could you argue that? You win some and you lose some...

I tell all these stories because to me Pope Francis was like a family member. He had that warm sense of an Italian grandfather who reveled in having his loved ones, the church, gathered around him, but wasn’t afraid to speak his mind and tell everyone what he thought. Whether about Migrants and Refugees, LGBTQ+ Catholics, women in the Church, the environment, the poor, marriage, capitalism, clericalism, world peace, he called it as he saw it, like it or not. For him it was all about God’s radical love for all of us. Everyone was invited into the warm embrace of the God of Jesus Christ and his Church. Todos! Todos! Todos! was his refrain at World Youth Day. Everyone is welcome! Clerics would say, but what about (fill in the blank). And his response would remain: TODOS!

It was just like Francis that his going to the Lord would be as dramatic as his entrance into our lives. We Church folks were looking forward to sleeping in on Easter Monday after a long (and lovely!) Holy Week and vibrant Easter Celebrations. The news of his death jolted us awake from our slumber, calling us to prayer, reflection, grief, and concern for the future. Perhaps Francis was telling us that there is no time to rest.

As [Fr. Mark-David Janus preached on Wednesday](#) at our Mass for Pope Francis, there is much work for us to do to make Pope Francis’ vision of a loving, listening and inclusive Church a reality. Gratefully, Pope Francis has given us many examples to follow, writings that will inspire us into the future, and a synodal way to accomplish it together.

We don’t know what comes next for the Church, but we have the Holy Spirit and someone in heaven now who will continue to light the path for “Todos, Todos, Todos” and there will be no turning back. Thank you, Pope Francis, for all you have given your Church and the World! May we honor you by walking in the path you have set for us. Pray for us as we pray for you.

May the angels lead him to paradise!

Peace to all,



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



Pope Francis's funeral will be held on Saturday, April 26th at 10 AM local time. For those of us on Eastern Standard Time, this means the service will officially begin at 4 AM. Given how early this is, we expect many of you will want to watch a playback of the funeral mass afterwards! You will find [a livestream of the mass through Vatican News](#) on Saturday.

As Fr. Eric mentioned above, Fr. Mark-David Janus gave a beautiful reflection on Pope Francis's life, which can be found below:



Fr. Dave Dwyer, CSP was also a guest on MSNBC on Tuesday to discuss the ethos of Pope Francis's papacy, what to expect in the upcoming conclave, and more! You can watch it below:



Upcoming Events



Saturday, April 26th at 8:30 PM EST

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



SPRING MASS

APRIL 30TH AT 6:30 PM



In preparation for their first-ever
PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

the St. Paul the Apostle Music Ministry
presents



Marvelous Things

***A Concert Benefitting a Pilgrimage
of a Lifetime!***

MONDAY, MAY 12 at 7:30PM
At the of Corner of Columbus Ave & 60th Street

In preparation for their first-ever Pilgrimage to Italy, the St. Paul the Apostle Music Ministry presents *Marvelous Things: A Concert Benefitting a Pilgrimage of a Lifetime* on May 12, 2025 at 7:30pm at The Church of St. Paul the Apostle.

Your ticket will generously support financial aid for Ministry members who would otherwise be unable to attend this very special Pilgrimage. The link to purchase tickets and make additional donations can be found here: bit.ly/marvelousthings

For many of our Ministry members, this is a first-time experience of Italy; and for all of us, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience in a Jubilee year. Many of our members have shared that this Pilgrimage is made extra special because we get to embark on a spiritual and musical journey with this particular

group. Our Ministry is a diverse group of musicians who have found a spiritual home and safe haven within St. Paul's, and our Music Ministry. We're looking forward to sharing our faith experience through music with the world at large.

Join us in person or via livestream for an evening of Music, Community, and Marvelous Things as we prepare to send off this beloved group of musicians. The evening will be led by Music Director Joey Chancey and will feature singers from both The St. Paul Choir and the Inspirit Ensemble.

If you are unable to attend our concert, or would like to make an additional tax-deductible donation towards our fundraising efforts, [you may do so via our fundraising page HERE!](#)

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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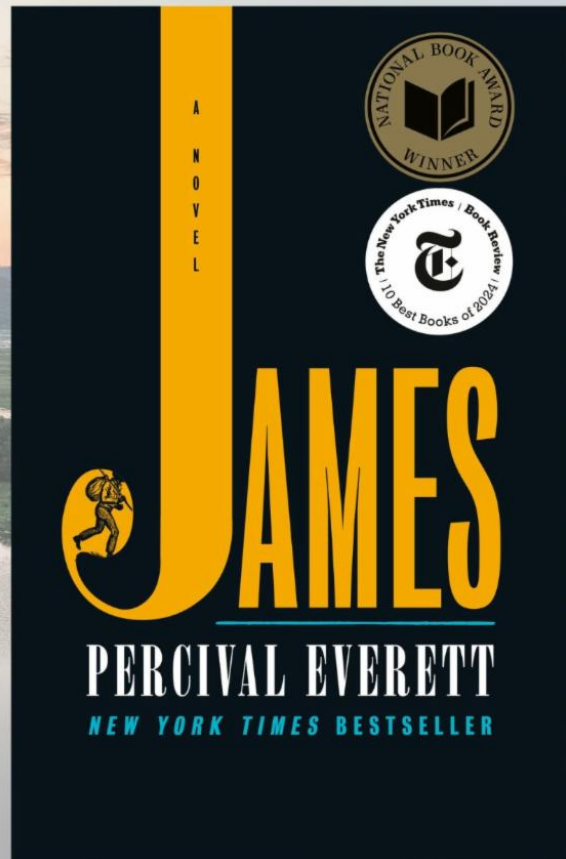


April BOOK CLUB

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



Laudato Si

Ministry at St. Paul's



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

Scenes From the Week

St. Paul's parishioner Leilani Fuentes got to write about her experience as a participant in this year's "Living Stations of the Cross". Read her account written for *America Magazine* at the link below!

What performing in a silent Stations of the Cross play taught me about slowing down

Lent, as a season of penance and preparation, served as the perfect time to push myself out of my spiritual and physical comfort zone--both for my own sake and for those coming to the performance.

[Read More](#)



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We were overjoyed to celebrate baptism and confirmation with so many new Catholics at this year's Easter Vigil!



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A special thanks to our Music Ministry for their tireless work to enrich our liturgies and uplift our prayers this weekend!



Missed any of our masses during Holy Week or want to see more of what we had going on at St. Paul's? [Check out our Holy Week 2025 livestreams here!](#)

Parish Donations

Collections	Week Ending in 4/20/2025	Week Ending in 4/22/2024
Total	\$66,402	\$30,435
In-Pew	\$43,609	\$10,682
Faith Direct	\$22,793	\$19,753
YTD* (+22.09%)	\$877,141	\$718,436

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

Monthly Church Operating Budget	FY 2025	FY 2024
April Operating Budget	\$291,500	\$233,333
April In-Pew Collections Total	\$68,760	\$33,149
YTD Surplus/Deficit (end of February)	+\$290,885	+\$186,762

Holy Humor

Paul: "Imitate me, as I imitate Christ."



[See More](#)

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, 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 25th
7:30AM † Joan Blain
12:10PM † Mario Rostagno

Saturday, April 26th
8:00AM - For the People
5:00PM - Rosie Rauh

Sunday, April 27th
8:00AM † Joseph Spano
10:00AM † Unesta Conyette
12:30PM - Rosie Rauh
5:00PM † Marcin Broda

Monday, April 28th
7:30 AM † Esther & Michael Gilbert Loanzon
12:10PM † Marie Kerr

Tuesday, April 29th
7:30AM † Phyllis Recchia
12:10PM † Han Wen-Tak

Wednesday, April 30th
7:30AM - Emily Fung
12:10PM † Philip & Rose DonDiego

Thursday, May 1st
7:30 AM † Esther & Michael Gilbert Loanzon
12:10 PM † Gavino P. Abaya, Jr.

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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ONLINE MINISTRY





TAKE ST. PAUL'S WITH YOU
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

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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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