

August 14th, 2025



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Pastor's Column

Happy Feast Day!

Greeting to you all as we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Today, Fr. Chris and I are travelling to the Paulist Summer Home in Lake George, St. Mary's of the Lake, to celebrate the renewal of Paulist Promises of our brother, Seminarian James Marquez on Friday. During their formation period, Paulist seminarians take temporary promises to the Paulist Constitution as they discern their call to the Paulist way of life and the priesthood. God willing, a year from now James will make his final promise to the Paulist Fathers, and then be ordained to the diaconate and priesthood. On and off, over the years, this important milestone event has been held at our summer home upstate.

It is fitting that this Mass of Renewal of Promises is held on the Solemnity of the Assumption. Committing oneself to serve the Lord as a member of the Paulist community to the exclusion of all else is a big promise to make. It is not something that can be done by sheer force of the will. The opposite is true: It is a leap of faith! It is a leap made trusting in the intercession, help and care of the Blessed Mother who responded to the Lord's invitation, saying, "let it be done to me according to your will".

Mary's witness of faith, humility, and steadfastness is a model not only for those in formation for religious life and priesthood, but for all the baptized. In her own maternal style, she seeks to nurture our faith while she calls us to action. She lifts up God's reign in response to the great injustices of every age perpetrated by those who use their power and position to lord it over others. Every day, the church at prayer proclaims her Magnificat from the Gospel of Luke. Let her prayer be ours, for the salvation of the world!

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his Name.*

*He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.*

*He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children forever.*

AMEN!

Pray for James as he continues his discernment, and for our world, that through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, her vision of a graced future may be realized!

God Bless,



Feast of the Assumption

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Masses:

AUGUST 14TH at 6:30 PM (Vigil)

**AUGUST 15th at 7:30 AM,
12:10 PM***

*livestreamed to Facebook, YouTube,
and the St. Paul's app



Upcoming Events



AFTER MASS HANG

SUNDAE, SUNDAE, SUNDAE

JOIN US AFTER MASS. GET TO KNOW APOSTOLIST,
AND BUILD YOUR OWN SUNDAE!!!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

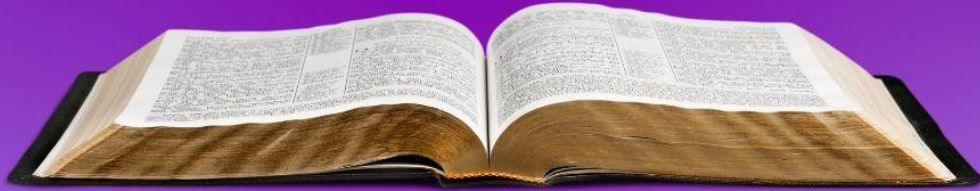
6:30 - 8:00

LOCATION: ST PAULS PARISH CENTER





Bible Study



**Wednesday, September 3rd
at 7 PM**



ACADEMY OF SACRED DRAMA

St. Paul the Apostle is happy to introduce the Academy of Sacred Drama for a performance of Judith and the Invader.

Founded by Jeremy Rhizor in 2013, the Academy seeks to revive the long-overlooked genre of Baroque oratorio – dramatic musical works rooted in biblical narratives and the lives of saints. The pieces performed by the group are rarely heard by American audiences.

JUDITH AND THE INVADER

BASED ON LA GIUDITTA “DI CAMBRIDGE”
BY ALESSANDRO SCARLATTI

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
AT 7:30PM

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

8 COLUMBUS AVENUE | NEW YORK, NY | 10023



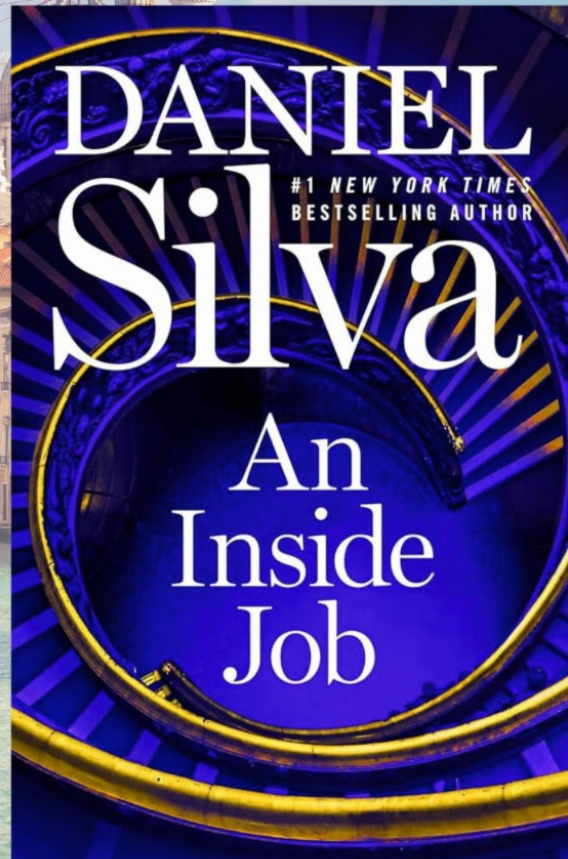
Premiered in Italy in 1697, Alessandro Scarlatti’s dramatic oratorio, *La Giuditta “di Cambridge,”* features a libretto by Prince Antonio Ottoboni based on the Book of Judith and a score for three voices, basso continuo, and strings. In this production, St. Paul’s parishioner Tony Lopresti serves as movement director.

ADMISSION RANGES FROM \$15-\$60 | PURCHASE TICKETS
FROM THE ACADEMY AT [LU.MA/JUDITH_NYC](https://lu.ma/judith_nyc) OR [CLICK HERE](#)

September BOOK CLUB

Art restorer and legendary spy Gabriel Allon must solve the perfect crime in the dazzling new tale of murder, greed, and corruption from #1 New York Times bestselling novelist Daniel Silva.

An elegant and stylish journey through the dark side of the art world and the Vatican's murky finances, *An Inside Job* proves once again that Daniel Silva is the reigning master of international intrigue and suspense.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
at 6:30PM in the Parish Center

RSVP to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org

Bible Study: Prison Series

Join us as we try to understand our world today
through St. Paul's letters written while in Prison

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

6:30 - 8:00

LOCATION: ST PAULS PARISH CENTER



Apostolist





homecoming

OSP will host its first-ever reunion, called Homecoming, on **Saturday, October 11th and Sunday, October 12th.**

The weekend will include a talk about the history and future of OSP on Saturday afternoon, a reception on Saturday evening, and Mass on Sunday at 5pm. Everyone who has ever been involved with OSP in any way is invited. If you didn't receive the save-the-date email, please let us know -- and please help us spread the word!

October 11th and 12th

Sign up by clicking the button below, or go to
www.stpaultheapostle.org/homecoming

[Click Here for Interest Form](#)



We are excited to announce the launch of a new podcast from our OCIA ministry called **Inquiry!** Co-hosted by director of OCIA - Dr. Dave de la Fuente - and Fr. Frank DeSiano CSP in collaboration with the OCIA ministry team of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle (NYC), **Inquiry** explores the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, especially as it is experienced at St. Paul's.

Each episode features different members of the parish community: OCIA catechists and team members, current participants, alumni, and parish leaders. We share about the experience of God, the OCIA journey, and the meaning of being Catholic today. This project is made possible by a Paulist Mission Impact Grant.

[Listen to the first few episodes on Spotify by clicking the link 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!



**Scan Here to
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Laudato Si

Ministry at St. Paul's

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Parish Donations

<u>Collections</u>	Week Ending in 8/10/2025	Week Ending in 8/11/2024
Total	\$40,430	\$37,603
In-Pew	\$10,859	\$9,566
Faith Direct	\$29,571	\$28,037
YTD* (+22.15%)	\$1,231,360	\$1,008,075

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

Monthly Church Operating Budget	FY 2025	FY 2024
August Operating Budget	\$291,500	\$233,333
August In-Pew Collections Total	\$19,221	\$34,406
Sep. '24 to Apr. '25 Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	-\$106,688	-\$112,068

Scenes from the Week



We had a great turnout at today's Senior Luncheon! Thanks to the St. Paul's Women's Group for organizing the festivities.





We're grateful to everyone who joined [St. Paul's Laudato Si Team](#) and our friends from Temple Emanu-El, Peace Islands Institute, Christ Church NYC, and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian on Sunday for our Interfaith Picnic in Central Park! It was a joy to celebrate God's creation and learn more about our shared environmental commitments with our Jewish, Muslim, and Protestant neighbors from across the city.





If that wasn't enough summer fellowship, another joyous Welcome Weekend is in the books! We're thankful to the St. Vincent de Paul ministry for hosting - and to all of you for joining us.



Holy Humor

So... so close

@EpicChristianMemes



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Prayer Requests



Grant eternal rest to Stephani Joy Katechis, Emilia Hernandez Pabon, Dr. Robert K. Eschenauer, Liza Monette David, Robert Nilles, Sr. Angela Stodolski, S.C., Olivia Besteiro, Thomas R. Hessel, Nicholas P. O'Neill, and

Marian A Milne.

Grant health and healing to Paula Ryan, Maureen Belsito, Luke Janke, Dee Tomeo, Valerie Bosco, Tony Micakaj, Liza David, Paul Schmittner, Rev. Ronald Yarrosh , Jayne Boccuzzi, Donnie Strickland, Michael Conner, Rudy Alamia, Kathryn Sanders, Christopher Henderson , Lucy Gbile, Francela Lopez, Denise Abady, Albert Besteiro, Shay Gavin, Daniel, Linda and Nathan Wilson, Mary Dare, Kathleen Friel, Yvonne Beatrice, Mary Dare and Luz Maria Baquera.

Grant peace and well-being to Marcine Stephenson, Tessa Grace, Mariana de los Angeles Sevcek, Marcine Stephenson , Antoinette Cinturati, Patrick Brennan, Leonardo Canas, Keon Whyte, Marguerite Zohni, Neil Sussman, Baby Elias, Neil Sussman, Catherene Baker, and Jean Blackwell.

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, August 15th

7:30 AM - Katherine Wieczorek

5:00 PM † Maria Sohn

Saturday, August 16th

8:30 AM † Francisco Trinidad Rivera

5:00 PM † Joel David Maldonado

Sunday, August 17th

8:00AM † Mariacristina & Elisea Loanzon

10:00AM † Mary Lou Murphey

12:30PM - For the People

5:00PM † Jorge Luis Martinez

Monday, August 18th

7:30AM - Dr. Kathy Reilly Fallon

12:10PM † Julio Mateo & Ana Mateo Rolon

Tuesday, August 19th

7:30 AM † Eladia Pangilinan

12:10 PM † Erundina Rodriguez

Wednesday, August 20th

7:30AM - Gayle Madiera

12:10PM † Zenaida Mariano

Thursday, August 21st

7:30 AM † Irene B. Powell

12:10 PM † Lorenzo Fuschetto

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



Make a Gift to St. Paul's

You may be away for the summer, but our bills aren't going anywhere! Help us keep the air conditioning running and our ministries flourishing by showing your support to St. Paul's.

Your support is the primary way that we can continue to serve the people of our parish - **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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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>.



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