

August 28th, 2025



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Pastor's Column

It was a great joy last Saturday evening to celebrate the marriage of Michael Corrado and Samantha Hughes. Michael is the editor of this very E-Blast. He and Charlie Friedlander lead our Livestream Team and much of the video production you see on Virtch Church and our social media channels. Samantha is a High School teacher in the Bronx. Before grad school, she also worked at St. Paul's. Like Michael, she got her start in the Welcome Center (AKA the Book Store) while an undergraduate at Fordham University.

Both Michael and Samantha would freely tell you that when they first met, they did **not** hit it off. Then came Covid-19 and Livestreaming at St. Paul's. While Fr. Dave Dwyer and I started streaming, after a few months, we handed over the

work to the parish staff. Samantha was the first to be recruited to take up the task and Michael was the second. They worked closely together as a team, and over time, they fell in love. The stress and confusion of that time facilitated their sharing with each other on a much deeper level than they would have otherwise. I would also add that if you focus on the Mass that intently, even if it is your job, over time you will be more open to God's love! While their relationship took me by surprise, I figured something was up when I could hear them giggling from the livestream control room while I was saying Mass. All this gives a new spiritual meaning to meeting on-line!

I am proud of Samantha and Michael for their pioneering efforts in livestreaming the Mass at St. Paul's and the work that continues today. Both have an intuitive sense of the liturgy and a keen eye, often capturing the beauty of St. Paul's in ways I have never seen. With the guidance and encouragement of Kathy Zirnhelt, the quality of what we offer on-line has grown exponentially and is among the best produced livestreamed Masses in the country. The apex of their efforts was producing and directing the video of last year's Christmas Time in the City concert.

While all that production success is a wonderful thing, and we are grateful for the achievements of Samantha and Michael, the true and lasting blessing will be their marriage which testifies to their faith in God and one another and to the awesome and mysterious ways in which the Holy Spirit moves in our lives, bringing us together in unexpected ways, especially during times of great upheaval, like Covid. Congrats to the newlyweds!

Finally, at the time of this writing we are just learning the news of the horrific shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church and School in Minneapolis, MN. Please join me in praying for the dead, the injured, their families, and the entire parish community. And we must add to our prayers our lamentations and a call to justice: How long, O Lord, must we endure the suffering brought on by gun violence? Change our hearts that we may become a more peaceful, just, and caring country, free of anger, fear, arrogance, and terror.

Peace to you all.



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

Upcoming Events

HAPPY LABOR - DAY -

SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2025



LABOR DAY CLOSURE

Happy Labor Day, St. Paul's! In observance with the federal holiday, the Parish Office and Church will be closed this Monday, September 1st. Those hoping to attend mass in person can access the church for **one in-person mass being held at 10AM**. For entry to the church, use the elevator just south of the main steps. Have a blessed, safe, and restful weekend!

In memory of Marco Pievani



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Marco Pievani, a much beloved Eucharistic Minister and long-time parishioner of St. Paul's. Marco's kindness and warmth will certainly be missed, but his memory will be a blessing for us all.

A funeral service will be held on **Thursday, September 4th at 10AM at the Church of Saint Paul the Apostle**. There will also be a wake Tuesday and Wednesday from 4-8pm at Crestwood Funeral Home on West 43rd Street. We ask for your prayers for the repose of his soul and for Marco's loved ones.



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



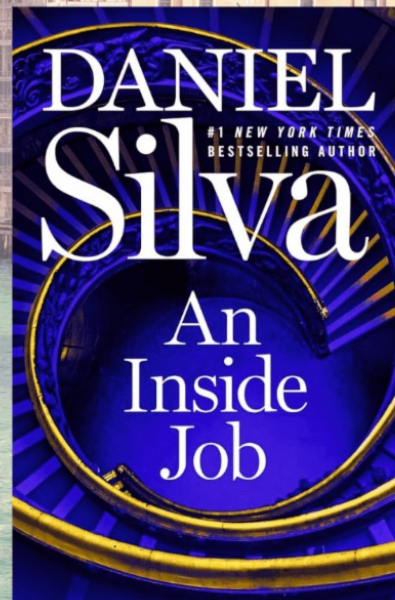
Premiered in Italy in 1697, Alessandro Scarlatti’s dramatic oratorio, *La Giuditta “di Cambridge,”* features a libretto by Prince Antonio Ottoboni based on the Book of Judith and a score for three voices, basso continuo, and strings. In this production, St. Paul’s parishioner Tony Lopresti serves as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

DATE CHANGE

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.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
at 6:30PM in the Parish Center

RSVP to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB RESCHEDULED

Don't miss your chance to gab about this month's nail-biting page-turner from Daniel Silva! Our discussion of "An Inside Job" has been rescheduled to **September 10th, at 6:30PM** -- we hope to see you there!



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](#)

**Did you or a family member live in San
Juan Hill? Are you a long-time
resident of Amsterdam Houses?
Tell your story!**



*Share your story of the neighborhood in a recorded group
interview with students as part of a living history project
at Fordham University.*



Check out our past archived
conversations with
community members!

If you're interested in the project, contact:
cjordan40@fordham.edu | 931-691-1132



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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!



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Laudato Si

Ministry at St. Paul's

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OUR WEEKLY REFLECTION](#)

Parish Donations

<u>Collections</u>	Week Ending in 8/24/2025	Week Ending in 8/18/2024
Total	\$7,914	\$9,566
In-Pew	\$7,968	\$9,566
Faith Direct	N/A	N/A
YTD* (+21.78%)	\$1,239,328	\$1,017,641

*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	\$35,306	\$34,406
Sep. '24 to Apr. '25 Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	-\$106,688	-\$112,068

Scenes from the Week

Holy Humor

**EXCUSE ME PLEASE,
BUT IS THIS...**



THE LITTLE WAY?

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Prayer Requests



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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, Marian A Milne, Daniel Wilson, Lorraine Bucalo, Cullen Holt Creel, John Henry Paige, and Marco Pievani.

Grant health and healing to Paula Ryan, Maureen Belsito, Luke Janke, Dee Tomeo, Valerie Bosco, Tony Micakaj, Liza David, Paul Schmittner, Rev. Ronald Yarrosch, 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, Christopher Ryan Asencio, Luke Nedza, the people of Palestine, Gaza & the Middle East, Jerry Ward, Albert Besteiro, Marilyn, Cheney, Judy Britt, and Diane Sheedy.

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, Fr. Samuel Perrins, Tim Dillon, Gail & Tom Santner, and John Altez.

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](#)

Mass Intentions

Friday, August 29th

7:30 AM - Maureen Stawarz & Judith Cornielle
12:10 PM + William, Mary Ann, & Theresa Hill

Saturday, August 30th

8:30 AM - For the People
5:00 PM + Ivane Previl

Sunday, August 31st

8:00AM + William Keller
10:00AM + Helen & Hally Donohue
12:30PM + Miryam Elizabeth Villalobos
5:00PM + Pierre Olney

Monday, September 1st

10:00AM - Gerard Louisias, Jr.

Tuesday, September 2nd

7:30 AM + Eleanor Cahill
12:10 PM + Ezequiela Garcia

Wednesday, September 3rd

7:30AM + Cristina Peralta Felarca &
Bruno Tandoe Ramos
12:10PM + Markus Wehrli

Thursday, September 4th

7:30 AM + Julianne Viola
12:10 PM + Robert Elgort

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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Masses Livestreamed

WEEKDAYS AT 12:10 PM

SATURDAYS AT 5 PM

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM & 5 PM



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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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