

July 17th, 2025



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The (Associate) Pastor's Column

Where I grew up, summer is singular. In a region just west of Milwaukee we call the “lake country,” summer is the time locals and visitors get out to enjoy the plethora of fresh water lakes and surrounding natural beauty. In light of our long Wisconsin winters, the three months of semi-reliable summer weather are something to treasure. For my family, summer meant lots of relatives and friends coming out to the lake. And we loved it. We continue that tradition as adults, with us kids sneaking home to my parents place when able for a taste of the lake life we were raised on.

Summer is also special in the spiritual themes it can inspire. This week, amidst the height of summer, I wanted to share a few of those that are close to my own heart:

WASTE SOME TIME

I'll never forget a homily one of my Paulist brothers gave years ago, just before he knew many parishioners would be leaving for vacation. "Go waste some time with the people you love," he said. His point was that something special happens when we create unstructured time with the people most important to us. Isn't this the time when some of the most rejuvenating experiences happen? A great dinner on the patio, laughs that feel medicinal, a long catch-up with a loved one, to name a few. In this weekend's Gospel featuring the sisters Mary and Martha, Jesus will affirm Mary who lives this theme well, sitting with her dear friend Jesus with her only agenda being Him. We can benefit from the same.

BE THE SMALLER PERSON

Earlier this summer I had the chance to vacation in Hawaii with some brother Paulists. One of the most powerful experiences of the trip was the view flying over the islands and standing on hilltops looking out on the Pacific. The grandeur of the natural beauty was a spiritual experience. A member of our parish community, reflecting on his experience of the same region, said it best, "I love being there. It makes me feel so small." Feeling how small we are in the vastness of creation leaves us with that feeling of humility before God. Such a setting engenders wonder and awe. As author Anne Lamont says, one of the most beautiful prayers of our lives is simply, "Wow!" And we don't need to be in Hawaii to experience it. Any experience of nature can afford the same. We benefit from becoming a "smaller" person, even for a bit.

BREAK THE MOLD

Summer is a great time to break the mold of our prayer life, especially if we're feeling spiritually stale and in need of inspiration. How might we do this? A host of ways. We can add to our summer reading list some spiritual reading that can enliven our prayer. Our church bookstore and Paulist Press offer many resources. We might also consider trying on a new form of prayer. I've never been much of a journal user, but this summer I'm giving it a shot. If you're stay-cationing in the city, some quiet in our church during the week or attendance at daily Mass is always a great way to find renewal. Breaking the prayer mold when needed leaves room for that same Spirit to do something new.

This weekend Fr. Eric, a long-time friend of my family from his days as President of the Paulist Fathers, will join me in Wisconsin for a summer reunion weekend. Thanks to Fr. Paul and Fr. Evan for holding down the fort.

Wishing you a blessed and Spirit-filled summer,



Fr. Chris Lawton, CSP
Associate Pastor, Church of St. Paul the Apostle



AFTER MASS HANG
ROSARY MAKING

SUNDAY, JULY 20TH
ST. PAUL'S PARISH CENTER
FOLLOWING 5PM MASS



July
25-27
2025

The Paulist Fathers Come & See: History & Ministry at The Church of Saint Paul the Apostle in New York City

For more information and to register, contact:

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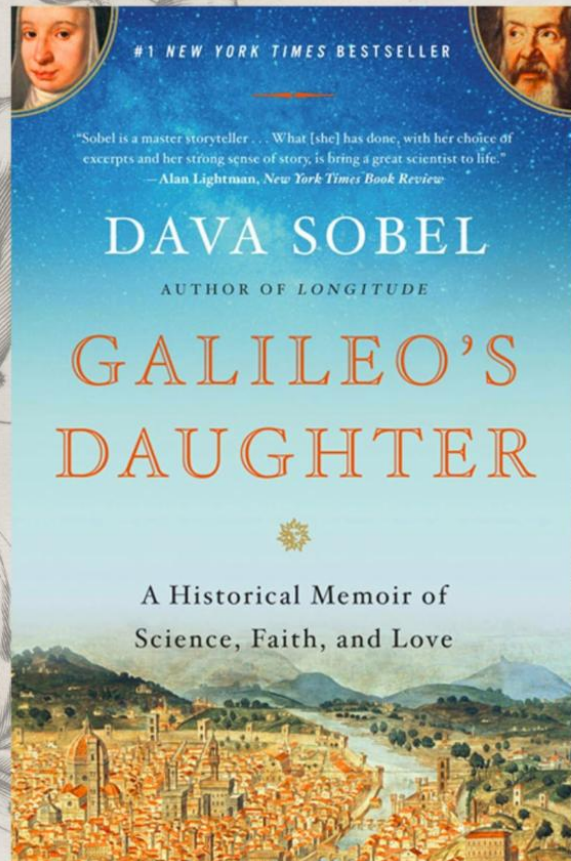
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July BOOK CLUB

Inspired by a long fascination with Galileo, and by the remarkable surviving letters of his daughter Maria Celeste, a cloistered nun, Dava Sobel has crafted a biography that dramatically recolors the personality and accomplishments of a mythic figure whose early-seventeenth-century clash with Catholic doctrine continues to define the schism between science and religion—the man Albert Einstein called "the father of modern physics—indeed of modern science altogether."



WEDNESDAY, JULY 30TH
at 6:30PM in the Parish Center
RSVP to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR
2025 - 2026 School Year

For families registering for Religious Education at St. Paul's for the first time, the Religious Education Registration Form is available at the parish receptionist's desk and on our parish website.

Para las familias nuevas que son miembros registrados de la Iglesia de San Pablo y le gustaría registrar sus hijos en la clase de Educación Religiosa los formularios están disponibles en la oficina parroquial, en la librería de la iglesia o en la página de internet. Las clases se llenan muy rápido, regístrese ahora.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE REGISTRATION FORMS OR LEARN MORE](#)

REGISTER BY
Friday, August 1st

FIRST CLASSES
Sunday, September 21st



Bible Study



Wednesday, August 6th
at 7 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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We are so close to reaching our fundraising goal, and are deeply grateful for anything that you have to give. All donations are 100% tax-deductible, and support the ongoing growth of our Music Ministry. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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Laudato Si

Ministry at St. Paul's

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OUR WEEKLY REFLECTION](#)

Scenes From the Week



The community made a great showing at this month's Welcome Weekend to send off Seminarian James!



The Hispanic community threw an awesome party in the Parish Center after the 12:30 PM mass!



As always, a huge thanks to the folks from our chapter of St. Vincent de Paul who hosted and served at the Welcome Weekend table!



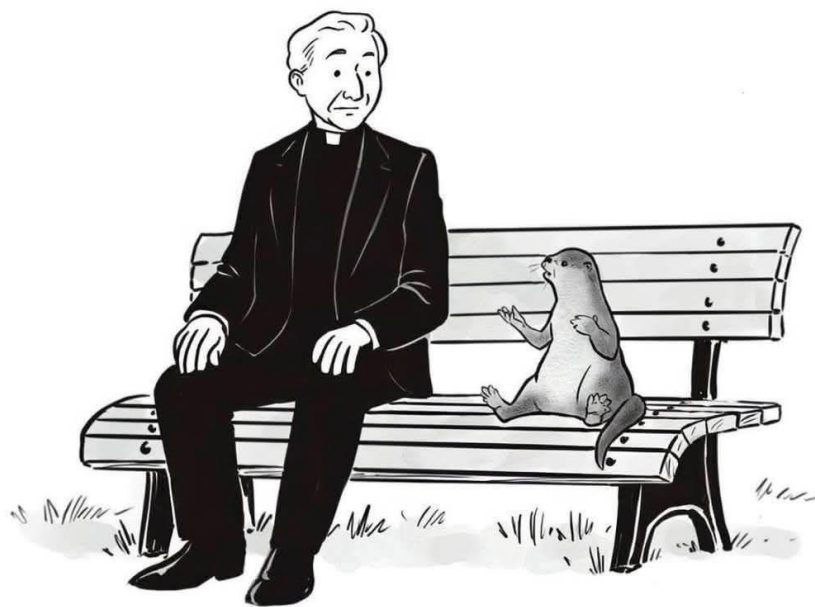
Parish Donations

<u>Collections</u>	Week Ending in 7/13/2025	Week Ending in 7/14/2024
Total	\$37,276	\$34,750
In-Pew	\$10,786	\$8,655
Faith Direct	\$26,490	\$26,095
YTD* (+22.72%)	\$1,144,716	\$932,823

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

Monthly Church Operating Budget	FY 2025	FY 2024
July Operating Budget	\$291,500	\$233,333
July In-Pew Collections Total	\$24,475	\$29,855
Sep. '24 to Apr. '25 Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	+\$49,248	+\$25,971

Holy Humor



“No, I’m pretty sure it’s do unto others as you would have others to do unto you.”

[See More](#)

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, 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 Yarosh , 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

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, and Baby Elias.

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, July 18th

7:30 AM † Jeanne M. Avitabile
5:00 PM † Maria & Jesus Gamez

Saturday, July 19th

8:30 AM † Mariedith B. Nunang
& † Maria Strbova
5:00 PM † Eloisa Burgos

Sunday, July 20th

8:00AM † Melissa Jean Rodriguez
10:00AM † Michael Demarest
12:30PM † Josefina Riccio de Onofre
5:00PM † Robert Elgort

Monday, July 21st

7:30AM † Mary Jo Lynch
12:10PM † Lorna Austria

Tuesday, July 22nd

7:30 AM - The Loanzon Family
5:00 PM † Armando Rubio

Wednesday, July 23rd

7:30AM - Dr. Kathryn Reilly Fallon
12:10PM † Cristiane Reis

Thursday, July 24th

7:30 AM † Cristina Felarca & † Bruno Ramos
12:10 PM † Claudia Gamarra
& † Ezequiela Garcia

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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