

July 24th, 2025



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Pastor's Column

Abundant New Life!

Our parish has been blessed with an abundance of new life. So many babies among us or on the way! At some Sunday Masses there is a big line up of

baby strollers on the 59th street far aisle. There is even a choir baby who comes to work with Mom! Along with this, requests for baptisms have skyrocketed. Our monthly group baptisms book up quickly and we have an overflow of private baptisms. These are all good problems to have! The church is alive and growing!

To address these issues, I have some news to share. **Starting in September, the parish will offer two monthly group baptisms on the First Sunday of the month at 2pm and the Second Saturday of the Month at 11:30am.** First time parents and God parents are required to attend a baptismal prep class held on the first Saturday of the month in advance of the celebration of the sacrament. (Should the First Sunday fall on the first day of the month, the prep class will be held the day before.) To sign up to have your child baptized or to attend a preparation class, please contact the Parish Center during business hours (212) 265-3495.

Beginning immediately, the parish office will no longer schedule private baptisms. Private baptisms were a necessity during the COVID years, but that is no longer the case. Individual baptisms will now be scheduled only at the discretion of the priests on the parish staff, or Paulist Fathers in residence (with the approval of the Pastor). Parents desiring a private baptism must reach out to a priest directly and have a pressing need. Baptisms at Sunday Masses are a rare occurrence and are reserved for those who are actively involved and known in parish life. Without question, if the health of an unbaptized child is ever in question, we will quickly respond.

To be transparent, the demand for private baptisms has become overwhelming and has placed a burden on our weekend scheduling. Plus, many requests have come from those who are not regular parishioners at St. Paul's. While we will always strive to be hospitable to everyone who comes to us, hospitality can't come at the expense of the nature and purpose of the Sacraments. Initiation sacraments of the Church (Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation) are communal celebrations for the whole parish. This is particularly evident in those adults joining the church through the OCIA process.

While there are always pastoral exceptions, the goal is to celebrate these important sacramental moments as a community of faith. Further, as a Church, we believe baptism is the gateway to the Eucharist which is the source and summit of our spiritual lives. My hope is that parents and children come as often as possible on Sundays following baptism.

To help that hope become a reality, I invite **all young parents with infants and toddlers to be a part of our new ministry entitled "Rooted and Growing."** This is a group for new parents and their children to gather for fellowship, to share resources, and to play! It's a very daunting task to be raise infants and toddlers in our city, especially for non-natives who are here for school or work. I am grateful to Brett and Kayleen Hecksher, who were previously on the Apostolist leadership team, for creating this outreach. God willing "Rooted and Growing" will help parents and children foster a meaningful experience of Church. **The next gathering is this Sunday, July 27th following the 10am Mass. [For more info, click here.](#)** Brett, Kayleen and little Cecilia look forward to meeting you.

May Mary, Mother of God, continue to look after us all especially new families

in our midst!

Blessing,



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

Upcoming Events



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:

Paulist Fr. Ed Nowak, C.S.P., Vocation Director

✉ vocations@paulist.org

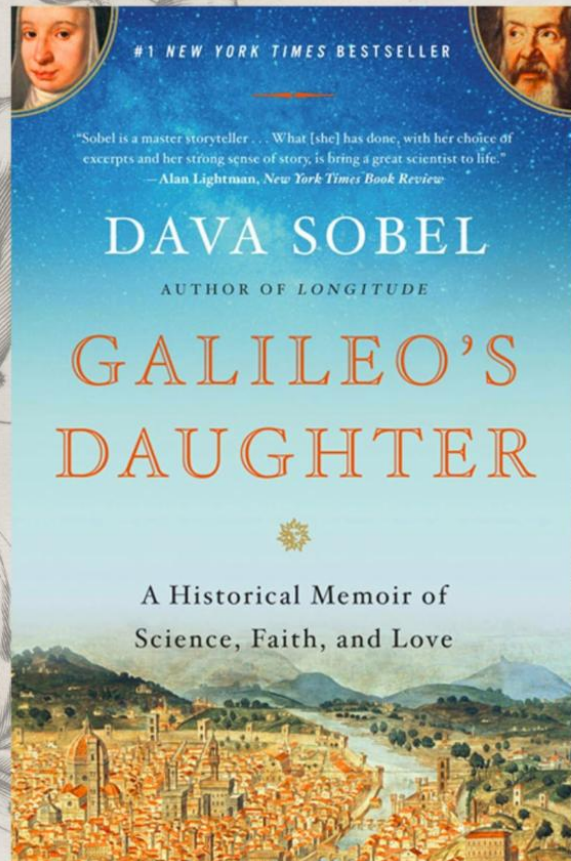
📞 (917) 763-7899

🌐 beapaulist.org/comeandsee



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**



An Update from the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Dear friends,

We remain grateful and inspired by the amazing 2024-25 Jubilee Year OCIA cohort, which saw a total of 31 adults enter into full communion and/or complete their initiation. I am happy to report that since last March, I have already interviewed nearly 25 people who are interested in OCIA. With this in mind, I invite you to invite any friends or family to consider participating in OCIA this upcoming year. The formal process will officially begin on September 7 with our annual Come and See program, but given the strong interest we are also holding a summer OCIA gathering on August 17. I will also need quite a few sponsors/godparents to accompany future Catholics. If this is something that you feel called to and would like to learn more, please email me at david.de.la.fuente@stpaultheapostle.org, and we'll arrange a time for a quick Zoom conversation.

Also, please keep our OCIA ministry in your prayers! From July 28-31 our delegation of eight leaders will join three hundred lay and ordained ministers, practitioners, and scholars at the annual [National Gathering on Christian Initiation](#). This year, we will explore best practices for fostering encounters with scripture during the OCIA journey. While in Chicago, we hope to connect with the Paulist family at Old St. Mary's and to record a podcast episode about the theme of this gathering and some of our unique practices in our OCIA ministry. Look out for social media updates, and know that we are praying for all of you.

More soon!

Dave de la Fuente, PhD

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!

[Support Our Pilgrimage](#)

Laudato Si

Ministry at St. Paul's

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

Parish Donations

<u>Collections</u>	Week Ending in 7/20/2025	Week Ending in 7/21/2024
Total	\$30,349	\$25,212
In-Pew	\$8,326	\$7,012
Faith Direct	\$22,023	\$18,200
YTD* (+22.65%)	\$1,175,065	\$958,035

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

<u>Monthly Church Operating Budget</u>	FY 2025	FY 2024
July Operating Budget	\$291,500	\$233,333
July In-Pew Collections Total	\$32,801	\$29,855
Sep. '24 to Apr. '25 Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	+\$49,248	+\$25,971

Holy Humor

Me: *loses all money in monopoly*

Me: "Don't freak out, it's just a game. What would Jesus do?"

Me: *Thinks of what Jesus would do*



[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 25th

7:30 AM † Carlain R. Haynes
5:00 PM † Mary Rose O'Sullivan

Saturday, July 26th

8:30 AM - For the People
5:00 PM † Margaret Buckley

Sunday, July 27th

8:00AM † Patricia McCormick
10:00AM † Anthony Dang Khoa Nguyen
12:30PM † Angel De Jesus Espindola &
Lorenzo De Jesus
5:00PM † George Wendt

Monday, July 28th

7:30AM † Violeta R. Dizon
12:10PM † Julio Valentin Jr. Mateo &
Ana Ilda Mateo Rolon

Tuesday, July 29th

7:30 AM - George York
12:10 PM † Joseph Nacaluso

Wednesday, July 30th

7:30AM † James Deysher
12:10PM † Carmen Casas

Thursday, July 31st

7:30 AM † Frances Sullivan
12:10 PM † Mary Grace Farrell

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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