

June 13th, 2025



Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



The (Associate) Pastor's Column

The Real Challenge of the Trinity

In Catholic grade school, my teachers used the three-leaf clover to help us understand the idea of three persons in one God. Unpacking the Trinity, especially as an intellectual exercise, continued in my Catholic education through high school, all the way to seminary where we learned the rich theological tradition that surrounds this central teaching of our faith which we celebrate this Trinity Sunday.

Here's the conception of the Trinity I'm most drawn to. God is love (I suspect we all agree on this, but in case it helps, see 1 John 4:8). Love always requires the interaction between a lover and one who is loved (the beloved). This means that somehow, within the one God, there must be a lover, a beloved, and the love between them. In the Trinity, we find these roles fulfilled. God the Father is the lover, Jesus Christ the Son is the beloved, and the Holy Spirit is the love between them. God is a relationship of love. Or, as G.K. Chesterton once put it, the Trinity is really just a "fancier way of saying that God is love."

Now, the Church also teaches that the Trinity is a mystery. In fact, it is “the central mystery of Christian faith.” (Catechism no.234) THE central mystery! As a mystery, an article of FAITH, there is a limit to what we can and are meant to understand about the Trinity. Sometimes we can forget this, turning the Trinity into mostly that intellectual exercise. But this misses its deeper significance. The real challenge the Trinity presents is not understanding it, but rather living it.

If we are made in God’s image, we are meant to reflect God and thus reflect that relationship of love. Living the Trinity means we are always challenging ourselves to share that experience of a relational God with others, especially those most in need of relationship and belonging. Two concrete examples: one I’ll share here, and the other on Sunday.

The more time I spend as a priest here in the city, the more aware I am of what the U.S. Surgeon General in 2023 called our, “Epidemic of Loneliness.” Among the most common concerns folks share with me 1:1 is feeling isolation and loneliness, desiring deeper connection. And of course this reality is not unique to NYC, but is found everywhere in our country.

If we are to image God who IS relationship, living the Trinity calls us to attend to that loneliness concretely. Who in my family could use a check-in? Who in my community, especially among those who are homebound and elderly, would appreciate a call or visit? After Mass at St. Paul’s, who appears to be new or looking for connection? Much as we are individuals, like God, we should be defined by the relationality people discover through us. What can I do to extend that experience of relationship to others, in particular for those right around me most easily neglected?

Being ambassadors of the Trinity we profess may challenge where we place our time and attention. But if relationship is the essence of who God is, then it has to be the essence of who we seek to be for one another, especially for those most in need of it.

God bless,



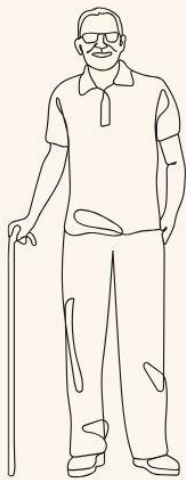
Fr. Chris Lawton, CSP
Associate Pastor, St. Paul the Apostle

Upcoming Events



FATHER'S DAY

A.K.A. 'BRING YOUR DAD TO CHURCH DAY'



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BRING DAD TO CHURCH!
JOIN US AT EVERY MASS
ON FATHER'S DAY FOR
A SPECIAL BLESSING!**

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH

JUNE TEENTH

JUNE 19TH, 2025

ON THE UPCOMING FEDERAL HOLIDAY,
THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN DURING
OUR REGULAR HOURS. MASSES WILL
BE HELD AT 7:30 AM AND 12:10 PM.

THE PARISH OFFICES WILL ALSO BE OPEN
DURING OUR REGULAR HOURS WITH
MINIMAL STAFFING.





DISCUSSING THE CONCLAVE



WITH CAMILLO BARONE, STAFF REPORTER FOR NCR

Out at St. Paul's is proud to host a discussion with Camillo Barone, a staff writer for the National Catholic Reporter.

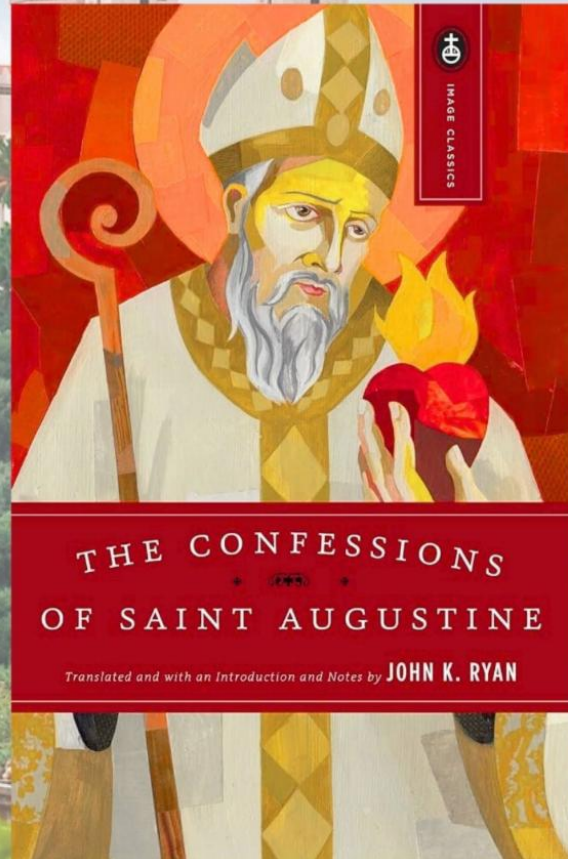
Mr. Barone will discuss his time reporting on the recent interregnum and the papal conclave that elected Pope Leo XIV. He previously worked with the Pulitzer Center, Vatican News, and NewsGuard.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND
AFTER 5PM MASS IN THE PARISH CENTER

June BOOK CLUB

Heartfelt, incisive, and timeless, *The Confessions of Saint Augustine* has captivated readers for more than fifteen hundred years. Retelling the story of his long struggle with faith and ultimate conversion, Saint Augustine traces a story of sin, regret, and redemption that is both deeply personal and universal.

With the election of Pope Leo XIV, formed as a priest by the Augustinians and a lifelong scholar of the saint, this classic work is sure to inform our faith in the modern church!



TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH
at 6:30PM in the Parish Center

RSVP to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org

Rooted & Growing



Cultivating Faith in the
Sacred Chaos of Family Life

St. Paul the Apostle is creating a new ministry tentatively called **Rooted & Growing** created especially for parishioners of little ones preschool aged and younger. Our hope is that this ministry will be a space to grow in faith, find support, and build friendships with others navigating the sacred chaos of this season of life.

We're having our first very casual get together at the end of June and, of course, the little ones are welcome!

Learn more and join our mailing list by clicking the button below, or by going to bit.ly/stpaulsrooted

Saturday, June 28th at 2PM

Meeting in the Parish Center (405 W59th St)

[Sign Up Here](#)

The Laudato Si Ministry Presents



As we look forward to summer, we invite parishioners of all ages to join us for a family-friendly screening of the 2012 movie *The Lorax*, Dr. Seuss' celebrated tale of the titular character who "speaks for the trees." We will have activities for our youngest community members to learn more about how we can care of our common home at any age. **Lunch will be provided!**

Sunday, June 29th
at 11:15 AM in the Parish Center
[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



EXPERIENCE THE SACRED MUSIC OF THE VATICAN HERE IN NEW YORK CITY

THE SISTINE CHAPEL CHOIR VISITS ST. PAUL'S

Hear the choir that sang at Pope Leo XIV's installation mass in concert right here at St. Paul's! The choir will be accompanied by Josep Solé Coll, the principal organist at St. Peter's Basilica and one of the finest organists in the world. **We are one of only six churches across the country to host this group during their summer concert series!**

Join us on Friday, August 8th at 7:30 PM for a once-in-a-lifetime evening of soul-stirring polyphonic music in the Roman style.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH AT 7:30 PM

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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

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
Donate Now**



THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

MUSIC MINISTRY

is proud to announce the first ever

PILGRIMAGE
to ITALY

September 16 - 25, 2025

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We did a Marvelous Thing. Together as a parish community, we've raised enough money to completely sponsor **thirteen** Music Ministers' Pilgrimages to Italy. We cannot thank you enough for the overwhelming support you've shown our Ministry, and hope that you enjoyed Monday night's concert as much as we did!

If you missed the concert and would like to receive a full recording of the evening, all you have to do is make a donation to our Pilgrimage Fundraiser on Zeffy! [Anyone who makes a donation via Zeffy will receive a link to the recorded performance of our spring concert, *Marvelous Things*.](#) The suggested donation is \$25+.

We are so close to reaching our fundraising goal, and are deeply grateful for anything that you have to give. As Fr. Eric shared on Monday evening, we

have an extremely generous matching donor, who will match up to \$10,000 as we finish up our post-concert fundraising. So please know that anything you have to give this week will go even further!

All donations are 100% tax-deductible, and support the ongoing growth of our Music Ministry. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Laudato Si

Ministry at St. Paul's

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



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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You can also find us on Venmo. Just scan the QR code above, or search for [@stpaulsnyc](#) to donate now!

Parish Donations

<u>Collections</u>	Week Ending in 6/8/2025	Week Ending in 6/9/2024
Total	\$10,017	\$7,865
In-Pew	\$10,017	\$7,865
Faith Direct	N/A	N/A
YTD* (+23.25%)	\$1,013,703	\$822,447

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

<u>Monthly Church Operating Budget</u>	FY 2025	FY 2024
June Operating Budget	\$291,500	\$233,333
June In-Pew Collections Total	\$21,405	\$40,123
Sep. '24 to Apr. '25 Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	+\$82,097	+\$25,971

Holy Humor



BEATING AROUND THE BURNING BUSH © 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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Prayer Requests



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, Robert K. Echenauer, Stephani Joy Katechis, Emilia Hernandez Pabon, and Dr. Robert K. Eschenauer.

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, Maureen Belsito, Luke Janke, Dee Tomeo , Valerie Bosco, Tony Micakaj, Luke Janke, and Liza David

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, June 13th

7:30 AM + Alvin & Marichu Loanzon
12:10 PM + Thomas Sippel

Saturday, June 14th

8:30 AM - For the People
5:00 PM + Elisea Loanzon

Sunday, June 15th

8:00AM + Mary Cregg
10:00AM + Jacinto Blest Braga
12:30PM + Maximino & Candida Ramirez
5:00PM + Marcin Broda

Monday, June 16th

7:30 AM + Faustino Domingo, M.D.
5:00 PM - Max Fernandez

Tuesday, June 17th

7:30AM - The Loanzon Family
12:10PM + Heather Drone

Wednesday, June 18th

7:30AM + Julienne Viola
12:10PM + Theresa Raccioppi

Thursday, June 19th

7:30 AM - Andy Idal & Family
12:10 PM - Tania Baker

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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SUNDAYS AT 10 AM & 5 PM



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