

June 19th, 2025



Solemnity of Corpus Christi



The Pastor's Column

St. Anthony, Pray for Us!

Many evenings I venture into the Church. In the stillness, it is a beautiful sight to behold. I am captivated by all the candles lit in the Church. I think of all the prayers of the parish being lifted up through the intercession of the Blessed

Mother and all the many saints represented in the art and statuary at St. Paul's. Prayers for departed loved ones, the sick, the lonely. Prayers for help, for money, for jobs, for housing. Prayers for a new relationship or for one that is falling apart. The list is endless. We are truly a house of prayer and I believe the Saints are listening to them all, helping us through the adversities of life.

I knew this for sure last Sunday night as firefighters were doing everything they could to contain the fire in the south tower while trying to save the statue of St. Anthony of Padua that had caught on fire most likely by a votive candle placed at his feet. He was watching over us all. Matter of fact, when I discovered the fire, most of the flames and smoke were emanating from inside the wood carved statue. While the exterior was damaged, it did not ignite, allowing enough time for help to come. Let us thank St. Anthony and all the angels and saints for their timely help and intercession and the FDNY!

As of this writing, Servpro, the archdiocesan approved vendor, is working on remediating the fire and water damage to the south tower vestibule and the Paulist Fathers crypt located underneath. A lot of water was needed to cool the marble floors and wall, and some of that water made its way to the lower level. Clean up also includes the restoration of artwork in the tower and repainting of the area. St. Jude - who ironically already has a flame on the top of his head - is being tended to. St. Anthony of Padua is in the burn unit awaiting the care of artist and Paulist Father Frank Sabatté who seeks to restore the statue. When the statues are ready, for safety, I propose we relocate them near the large crucifix next to the Sacred Heart altar and no longer use the south tower for veneration of the saints.

As has been our policy, I remind you that any unapproved votive candle brought to St. Pauls will be extinguished and any candle not placed in a candle stand will be immediately relocated.

Apart from a \$2,500 deductible, the fire damage will be covered by our property insurance. An initial estimate is that the damage will be more than \$100,000. So you know, our property insurance premium is \$512,000 annually, about 1/6 of our operating budget, and is second only to St. Patrick's Cathedral. Given those statistics, the response of Catholic Mutual, our insurance carrier, was swift! As I always say, operating a Midtown Parish is a bad business plan, but a priceless spiritual necessity. It's so expensive to do anything here and often those of us who do the day to day administration light candles when cash flow is upside down. Somehow God finds a way, and we are thankful for all your financial support that keep things running.

This incident is a reminder of what a treasure our church home is and our collective desire as a community to protect it. This is precisely why we have initiated a Parish Capital Campaign entitled **Inspiring Hope, Building Legacy**. Even before the fire, we have identified at least \$11 million dollars of need that includes known capital needs of our 140-year-old landmarked Church and 25-year-old Parish Center as well as the replenishment of our depleted endowment fund, which assists us in carrying out our spiritual mission.

Thanks be to God, the initial response to this campaign has been very encouraging, and I trust all of us when called upon will do our part as members of the Body of Christ to make this campaign a success. Pray to St. Anthony asking him to help us "find" the resources we need so that the doors of this

Church always remain open, welcoming everyone, especially those who come to Mass or to visit and light a candle, calling on help from heaven. As we have just experienced, our prayers are heard and answered!

I'll keep you posted on the progress of repairs and clean up as we go forward. Special thanks for your many expressions of concern and care for the Church. They are a healing balm!

God bless,



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

Upcoming Events



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.

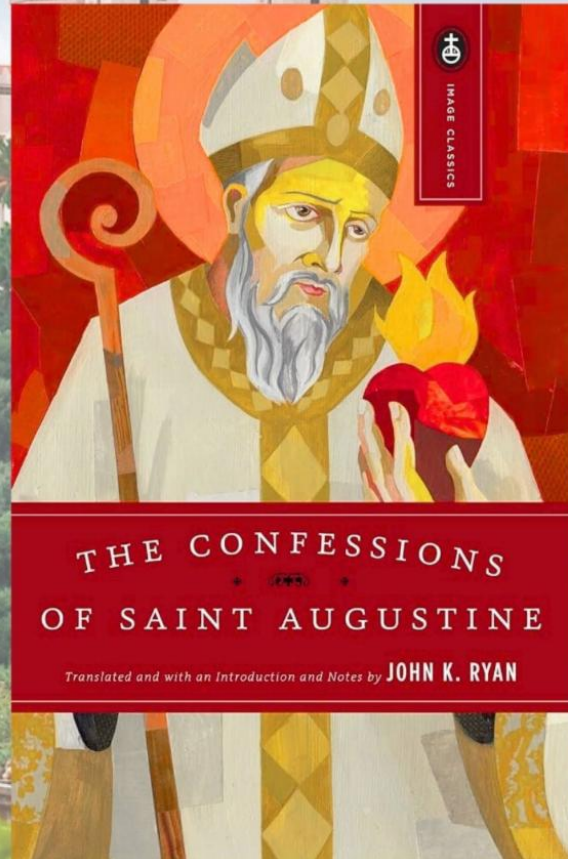
Mr. Barone will discuss his time reporting on the recent interregnum and the papal conclave that elected Pope Leo XIV. He previously worked with the Pulitzer Center, Vatican News, and NewsGuard.

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

Out at Saint Paul's
Pride Month Mass



Held at the
Stonewall National Monument
on Christopher Street

Thursday, June 26th
at 6:30 PM

Poets@StPaul

In-Person Gathering



For more information, contact: tholahan@paulist.org

Poets@StPaul meets monthly to learn more about poetry writing as well as sharing recent work. All are welcome to our poetry gatherings: poetry writers, poetry lovers and the poetry curious. Bring a poem you have written or a favorite by another! Reading and discussion to follow.

Wednesday, June 24th
at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center





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



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 11:30 AM in the Parish Center

[RSVP: www.stpaultheapostle.org/lorax](http://www.stpaultheapostle.org/lorax)



**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 7:00 PM for a once-in-a-lifetime evening of soul-stirring polyphonic music in the Roman style.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH AT 7:00 PM

**GET TICKETS AT WWW.SACREDVOICESNYTOUR.COM
OR CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW!**

[Get Tickets Here](#)



Hear More From the Sistine Chapel Choir

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

FLORENCE | ASSISI | ROME

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.



venmo

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 6/15/2025	Week Ending in 6/16/2024
Total	\$42,125	\$31,897
In-Pew	\$10,545	\$8,134
Faith Direct	\$31,580	\$23,763
YTD* (+23.58%)	\$1,055,828	\$854,344

*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	\$31,950	\$40,123
Sep. '24 to Apr. '25 Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	+\$82,097	+\$25,971

Holy Humor



Fr. Cassidy Stinson

@TheHappyPriest



Chris Grosse  @Chris_Grosse · 1d

Post a pic of you next to someone who is slightly more famous than you.

[Show this thread](#)

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Prayer Requests



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, and Rudy Alamia.

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, 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, June 20th

7:30 AM † John Onacilla
12:10 PM † Delores Desso

Saturday, June 21st

8:30 AM † Susan Grant
5:00 PM † Salvador & Josefa Montevirgen

Sunday, June 22nd

8:00AM † Robert Elgort
10:00AM † Fr. Thomas Kane, CSP
12:30PM - Juan Francisco Ochoa & Joseph Ree
5:00PM - The Loanzon Family

Monday, June 23rd

7:30 AM † Alexander Wieczorek
5:00 PM † Bryan Mayurnik

Tuesday, June 24th

7:30AM † Rosaleas Nunez
12:10PM † Erich Kollmar

Wednesday, June 25th

7:30AM † Peter Acampora
12:10PM † Olivia Besteiro

Thursday, June 26th

7:30 AM † John & Remada Mascarenhas
12:10 PM - Alex Zemkiy & Family

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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TAKE ST. PAUL'S WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO!

Masses Livestreamed

WEEKDAYS AT 12:10 PM

SATURDAYS AT 5 PM

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM & 5 PM



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Website

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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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