

May 15th, 2025



## The Fifth Sunday of Easter



### The (Associate) Pastor's Column

"Hey! What are you doing here?!" Cardinal Dolan said to me. "Your hands are still wet!"

Last May, Fr. Eric and I were at the ordination Mass for the new priests of the Archdiocese of New York. As we priests approached the altar to bless the men about to be ordained, Cardinal Dolan, who had ordained me a Paulist priest just one week earlier (and is ever a jokester!), couldn't help but rib me a little.

His joke referred to the anointing of a new priest's hands by the bishop during the ordination Mass. The anointing with sacred chrism oil prepares those hands for priestly ministry, especially for the celebration of the sacraments. To say, "your hands are still wet" is to say, effectively, "you're still a young, baby priest!"

As this Sunday marks my first anniversary of priesthood, I want to share with you my gratitude that, while my hands are not physically wet anymore, in spirit I feel they still are. Because at the end of this first year with you at St. Paul's, I still feel the freshness, energy, and joy of that day of anointing.

I feel that newness each Sunday as we begin Mass, seeing folks old and new streaming into the church in-person and virtually, witnessing the welcome provided by our liturgical ministers, and listening to the energetic sound of our music ministers as we begin. Each of you is showing me how to be a priest, through no greater ways than your joy, your immense gifts, your generosity.

I feel the newness too each time someone approaches me and shares something that's been on their heart, asking for a conversation or a blessing, offering feedback or an insight. Especially as parishioners and visitors share the pain and difficulty of their lives, I am aware of how much so many among us carry that goes unseen, how much I have to learn, and how much we all need reminders of God's boundless love.

I feel the newness from my brother Paulists who, in myriad ways, still have fresh oil on their hands. I think of my brother Paulist Fr. James DiLuzio, CSP who never fails to offer a generous check-in when we see one another around our house. Or Fr. Mark-David Janus, CSP whose wisdom just recently helped shepherd us as a community in the death of Pope Francis.

And then there's our pastor Fr. Eric (who did not get to read this before you!) who, for those unaware, celebrated his 30th anniversary of ordination this past Tuesday, May 13th. Over this year I have seen how Fr. Eric pours himself into serving this parish we love in more ways than any of us can know. I have to tell you, this week I've been thinking, "What can I do to, like him, keep my hands wet for 30 years?!" He hasn't lost it and we're all the better for it.

So newness and energy abound, praise God. And while we're on the topic, I hope you'll join us this Saturday, as two more Paulists receive this same anointing as Deacon Ben Chisholm, CSP and Deacon Chris Malano, CSP are ordained to the priesthood. These men have in their own ways truly Paulist hearts and I am so excited to celebrate them with you. Details are below.

Thank you so, so much for making this first year of priesthood such an incredible blessing. It still blows me away that I get to begin this journey here at St. Paul's, serving with and for you. I am beyond grateful. And I pray these hands never dry.

God Bless,



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

PS - The photo above, which captures Cardinal Dolan anointing my hands at ordination, was taken stealthily by Paulist Deacon Affiliate Patrick Murphy-

## Paulist Ordination

# ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD



Benjamin Chisholm, *CSP*



Christopher Manalo, *CSP*

TO BE ORDAINED BY:



Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak, J.C.D.,  
*Bishop of Grand Rapids, MI*

**SATURDAY, MAY 17TH, 2025**  
**AT 10AM**

[WWW.PAULIST.ORG/ORDINATION](http://WWW.PAULIST.ORG/ORDINATION)

We ask for your prayers in the days ahead for [Paulist Deacon Christopher D. Malano](#) and [Paulist Deacon Benjamin A. Chisholm](#).

They are slated to be ordained priests during a [10 a.m. \(Eastern\) Mass](#) on Saturday, May 17, at our mother church, the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, in New York City.

The ordaining bishop will be [Bishop David J. Walkowiak](#), J.C.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

Everyone is invited to attend the Ordination Mass both in-person or via the live broadcast at [our website](#), our [YouTube channel](#), or our [Facebook page](#).

They both will celebrate their First Masses of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's on Sunday, May 18; Ben Chisholm's first mass will be at 10 AM, and Chris Malano's will be at 5 PM.

Learn more about Deacons Ben and Chris by watching these videos from the Paulist Fathers linked below:



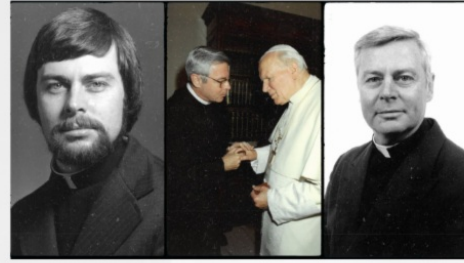
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**Congratulations to the Jubilarians!**

# 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



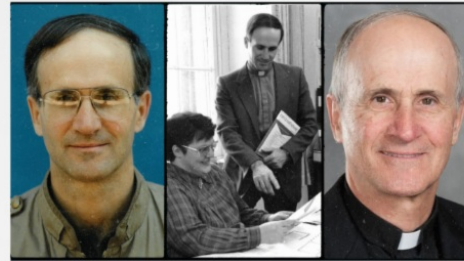
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FR. PAUL ROBICHAUD, CSP

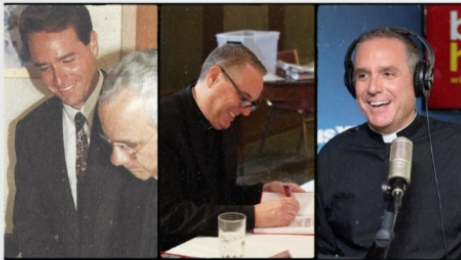


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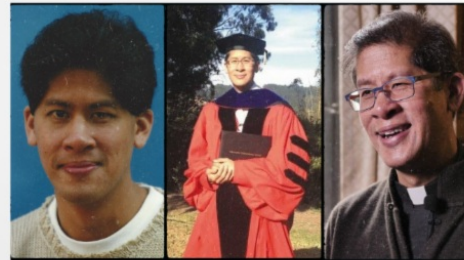


FR. TOM RYAN, CSP

# 25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



FR. DAVE DWYER, CSP



FR. RICKY MANALO, CSP



FR. BRAD SCHOEBERLE, CSP

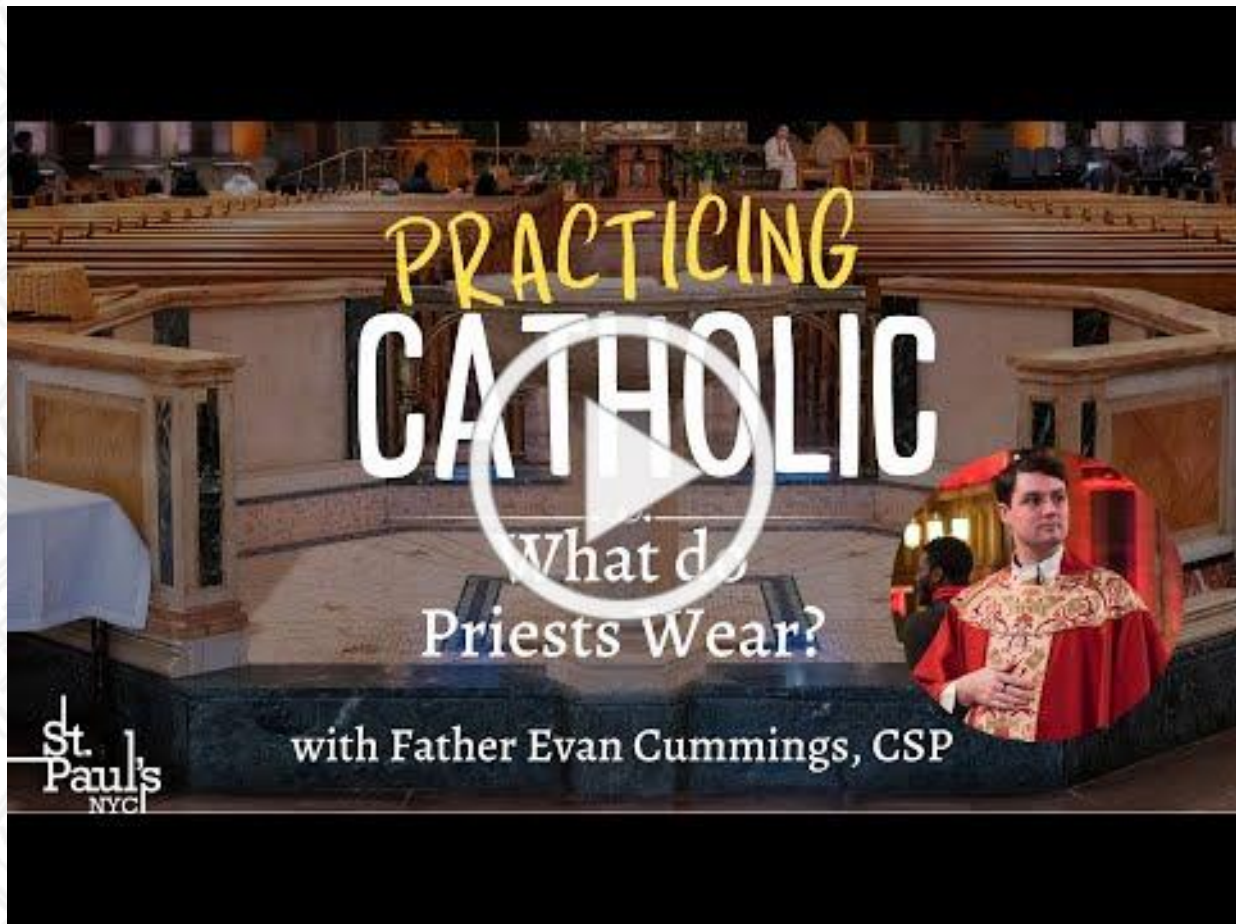
**On this Ordination Weekend, we honor Paulist Fathers celebrating their anniversaries of ordination!**

Celebrating their Golden Jubilee for 50 Years of Priestly service are Fr. John Duffy, Fr. Mike McGarry, Fr. Paul Robichaud, and Fr. Tom Ryan.

Celebrating their Silver Jubilee for 25 Years of priestly service are Fr. Dave Dwyer, Fr. Ricky Manalo, and Fr. Brad Schoeberle.

**Keep these men in your prayers during the month of May, and make sure to share your thanks and appreciation if you see them at the ordination**

celebrations this weekend!



This week's Practicing Catholic episode with Fr. Evan Cummings, CSP is all about priestly vestments, their history and function, and how they relate to ordination! It's a fascinating rundown of church history, tradition, and symbolism. Tune in by clicking the link above!

## Upcoming Events



# COME, HAVE BREAKFAST



A MORNING GATHERING FOR DISCUSSION OVER BRUNCH WITH



**Sr. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ**

*Award-Winning Catholic Author*

*Distinguished Professor Emerita of Theology  
at Fordham University*

**FRIDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 10 AM**  
**IN THE PARISH CENTER (405 W59TH ST)**

Elizabeth A. Johnson, C.S.J., is a professor, mentor, writer, editor, and public lecturer. A beloved teacher, *The Nation* has hailed Elizabeth as one of the most

We will have a group discussion of her book, *Come Ready to Discuss*. Come ready to discuss and enjoy some morning fellowship!



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! Find a clip from the concert below:

# SACRED SONG



Music at St. Paul's  
ST. PAUL, THE APOSTLE, NYC

Thou O Lord  
by Lisa Ireland

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! [Starting today, 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!

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# 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.

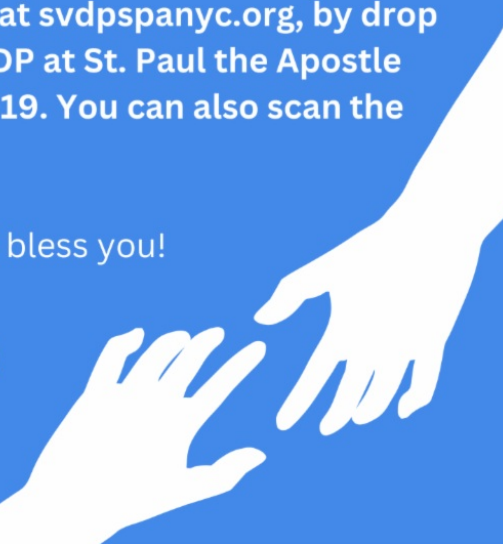
Currently, the need in our community is growing at a rapid pace and we must ask for your help. Please consider donating to our organization so that we can continue our work.

**Monetary donations can be made online at [svdpspanyc.org](http://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**



St. Vincent de Paul is graciously sponsoring the celebrations we are having this Ordination Weekend in the back of the church. Make sure to stop by and show your support!

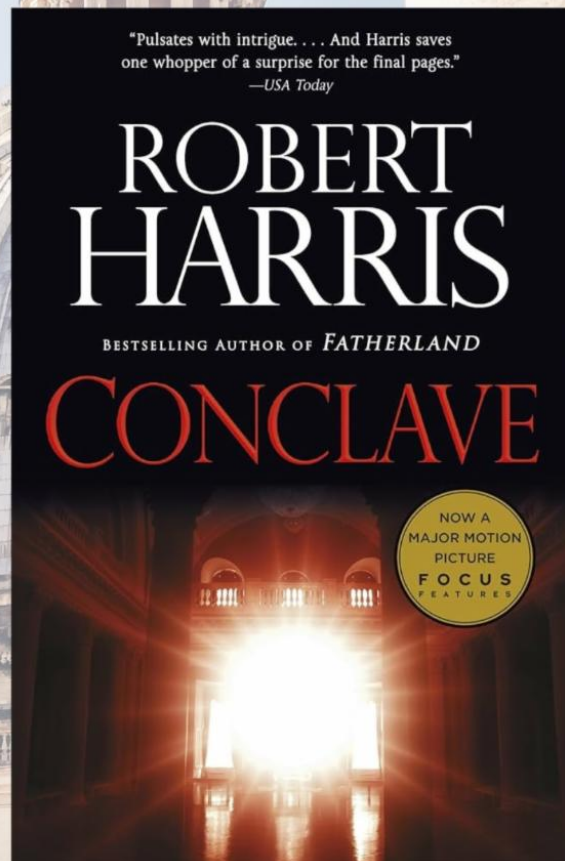
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# May BOOK CLUB

Behind the locked doors of the Sistine Chapel, one hundred and eighteen cardinals from all over the globe will cast their votes in the world's most secretive election.

They are holy men. But they have ambition. And they have rivals.

Over the next seventy-two hours one of them will become the most powerful spiritual figure on earth.



TUESDAY, MAY 20TH  
at 6:30PM in the Parish Center

RSVP to [welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org](mailto:welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org)

# Poets@StPaul

## In-Person Gathering



For more information, contact: [tholahan@paulist.org](mailto: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, May 21st**  
at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center



## **TREE EDUCATION & STREET CLEANUP**

**with the Laudato Si Environmental Ministry**



Come learn about the social, emotional and environmental benefits that our NYC trees provide and how to care for the trees in your neighborhood!

Snacks and coffee will be provided, as well as gloves, shovels, and essential items for the street tree cleanup. If you're able, we encourage you to bring your own work gloves, shovel, and reusable water bottle! Make sure to wear clothing you don't mind getting dirt on.

Admission is free, though RSVP is required. Sign up using the form on our website at [www.stpaultheapostle.org/trees](http://www.stpaultheapostle.org/trees).

**May 31st, 2025 from 1PM - 4PM**

**Meet at the St. Paul's Parish Center (405 W59th St)**



# SACRED VOICES CONCERT

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE WITH THE SISTINE CHAPEL CHOIR REPERTOIRE AND THE POPE'S ORGANIST



**WHERE** ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH  
405 W 59TH ST  
NEW YORK, NY 10019

**WHEN** FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH  
**TIME** 7PM



**FEATURING**  
**JOSEP SOLÉ COLL**  
FIRST ORGANIST  
OF THE PAPAL  
BASILICA OF ST.  
PETER'S (VATICAN)



**ADRIANO CAROLETTI**  
CONDUCTOR OF  
SACRED VOICES WITH  
**H.E. CARDINAL**  
**DOMINIQUE MAMBERTI**

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[SACREDVOICESNYTOUR.COM](http://SACREDVOICESNYTOUR.COM) OR SCAN QR CODE



Before our parish's choir goes off for their pilgrimage to Rome, the Sistine Chapel choir will be making a visit to St. Paul's in August! Purchase your tickets [by clicking the link here](#), or get more information about the concerts at [www.sacredvoicesnytour.com](http://www.sacredvoicesnytour.com). Tickets go on sale at midnight tonight, May 16th!

Get Tickets Here

# Laudato Si

## Ministry at St. Paul's

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

### Parish Donations

<b><u>Collections</u></b>	<b>Week Ending in 5/11/2025</b>	<b>Week Ending in 5/12/2024</b>
Total	\$44,687	\$34,305
In-Pew	\$12,271	\$7,688
Faith Direct	\$32,416	\$26,617
YTD* (+22.40%)	\$940,276	\$768,209

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

<b>Monthly Church Operating Budget</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
May Operating Budget	\$291,500	\$233,333
May In-Pew Collections Total	\$20,256	\$35,272
YTD Surplus/Deficit (end of March)	+\$132,000	+\$186,762

## Holy Humor

"It's called soccer now."



[See More](#)

## 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.

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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, May 16th

7:30 AM - Maria P. Camaj  
12:10 PM † Patrick Mooney

## Saturday, May 17th

No Mass Intentions  
(Services at 10AM and 5PM)

## Sunday, May 18th

8:00AM - For the People  
10:00AM † Russ Paladino  
12:30PM † Sylvia & Domingo Alvarado  
5:00PM - Fr. Chris Lawton, CSP

## Monday, May 19th

7:30 AM † Lype Odell  
12:10PM † Virginia Barbaresi

## Tuesday, May 20th

7:30AM † Thomas York  
12:10PM † James Maguire

## Wednesday, May 21st

7:30AM - Joseph Previl  
12:10PM † Robert Edward McNeill

## Thursday, May 22nd

7:30 AM † Sarah Millery González  
12:10 PM † Laurie O'Byrne

# 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

# *Virtch Church* ONLINE MINISTRY





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SATURDAYS AT 5 PM

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM & 5 PM



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Website

Virtch Church on YouTube

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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>.



## Make a Gift to St. Paul's

Your support is the primary way that we can continue to serve the people of St. Paul's - **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](http://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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