

May 8th, 2025



The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Cardinal Robert Prevost, the newly elected Pope Leo XIV, after celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024 with Paulist Fathers Greg Apparcel and Matt Berrios..

The Pastor's Column

Habemus Papam

We have a Pope! Pope Leo XIV. Born in 1955, the former Cardinal Robert Prevost, is an American from Chicago. He's from a Religious Order, the Augustinians. Villanova University alum should be especially pleased!

How providential it is to have a New Pope this weekend. It is both Mother's Day and Good Shepherd Sunday! My prayer is that Pope Leo will take the first line from this Sunday's Gospel to heart and make it his motto, officially or unofficially: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27) From the Loggia of St. Peter's, he called all people of the world to come

together in peace to know the Love of God. A shepherd who strives to know and love his flock, with all their diverse gifts, challenges, warts, and so on, will always have the greatest impact. He concluded his talk with a Hail Mary. May he seek the wisdom and care of the Blessed Mother, as Pope Francis always did.

I suspect that Pope Leo already has the smell of the sheep as Pope Francis did. That is what accounted for the great outpouring of feeling at the previous Pope's passing. So many people felt that Pope Francis was with them, that he cared for them whatever their life circumstances might be. When any of us feels known, loved, seen, valued, and accompanied, we become more open to wise words that can help us on our journey to oneness with the Lord, who is the source of all love. Many who know the new Pope noted his prayerfulness, kindness and compassion which is very heartening.

Certainly, being shepherd of a worldwide church with over a billion members is hard to wrap your head around. As in all things like this, Pope Leo will be called upon to encourage us through his words and actions to think globally of all our brothers and sisters around the world, especially the most in need, and act locally! This new Pope, while American, has served many years Peru as a priest and bishop. His life and ministry have already been one of missionary service, sensitive to the needs of a global church.

How much have we here at St. Paul's taken cues from Pope Francis and sought to extend his ministry in our parish. Whether it is through our welcoming presence to all regardless of who they are or who they love; or proclaiming the joy of the Gospel through spoken word, preaching, and music; or seeking to care for the poor and needy, whether they be long term neighbors or newly arrived migrant, in our St Vincent de Paul Society and Loaves and Fishes outreaches; or our care of the environment as expressed through our Laudato Si group, we have been attentive to the call of the shepherd. We pray that Pope Leo will offer consistency with the initiatives of Pope Francis while challenging us to grow in new ways as the Church remains attentive to the signs of the times. May we all embrace the new Holy Father with our prayers.

As your local good shepherd who approaches 30 years of priestly ministry next week, I am trying to take all this transition in stride, trusting in the Holy Spirit, and continuing to provide meaningful pastoral care as best I can, with the help of God. The best advice I can offer as your Pastor, after all these years of priesthood and 5 Popes in my lifetime, is to continue to live the Gospel message of this week, to know and love those we encounter, so we can best accompany each other in following the Lord. When we put people first, knowing and caring for everyone as Jesus did, everything else usually falls into place.

Finally, Happy Mother's Day to all moms, grandmothers, foster parents, godmothers, and those with a motherly spirit in our parish! We give thanks for all our mothers, living and deceased, and pray that the Blessed Mother may continue to look out and care and protect our Church and this new Pope at this very important moment!

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

God bless,



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



LORD, SOURCE OF ETERNAL LIFE AND TRUTH, GIVE TO YOUR SHEPHERD A SPIRIT OF COURAGE AND RIGHT JUDGMENT, A SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE. BY GOVERNING WITH FIDELITY THOSE ENTRUSTED TO HIS CARE, MAY HE, AS SUCCESSOR TO THE APOSTLE PETER AND VICAR OF CHRIST, BUILD YOUR CHURCH INTO A SACRAMENT OF UNITY, LOVE AND PEACE FOR ALL THE WORLD.

LORD, PRESERVE YOUR SERVANT LEO, GIVE HIM A LONG LIFE, MAKE HIM BLESSED UPON THE EARTH, AND NOT HAND HIM OVER TO THE POWER OF HIS ENEMIES. MAY YOUR HAND BE UPON YOUR HOLY SERVANT, AND UPON YOUR SON, WHOM YOU HAVE ANOINTED. AMEN.

Upcoming Events

Interfaith Lunch & Learn



with members of the
Stephen Wise Synagogue

Join us for a two-part interfaith exchange with our neighbors from the Stephen Wise Synagogue as we explore the sacred spaces we use for prayer and study. Together, we'll reflect on why these spaces are designed the way they are – and how their design represents and facilitates prayer.

First, we'll meet at the St. Paul's Parish Center on May 6th at 12:30 PM. We'll welcome our guests from Stephen Wise, share a light lunch, and Fr. James DiLuzio will offer a tour of our church.

Then, on May 13th at 12:30 PM, the Stephen Wise Synagogue at 30 West 68th Street will welcome guests from St. Paul's. We will share a light lunch and a tour guided by Rabbi Dalia Samansky.

RSVP REQUIRED

Contact Fr. James DiLuzio at jdiluzio@paulist.org

Pictured below is the group from Stephen Wise Synagogue with members of our parish, taken during their tour on Tuesday. If you weren't able to join us, there is still a chance to go to Stephen Wise with the group on Tuesday, May 13th!



In preparation for their first-ever
PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

the St. Paul the Apostle Music Ministry
presents



Marvelous Things

*A Concert Benefitting a Pilgrimage
of a Lifetime!*

**FIRST BLOCK OF TICKETS SOLD OUT
SECOND BLOCK SELLING FAST!!!**

MONDAY, MAY 12 at 7:30PM

bit.ly/marvelousthings

In preparation for their first-ever Pilgrimage to Italy, the St. Paul the Apostle Music Ministry presents *Marvelous Things: A Concert Benefitting a Pilgrimage of a Lifetime* on May 12, 2025 at 7:30pm at The Church of St. Paul the Apostle.

Your ticket will generously support financial aid for Ministry members who would otherwise be unable to attend this very special Pilgrimage. The link to purchase tickets and make additional donations can be found here: bit.ly/marvelousthings

For many of our Ministry members, this is a first-time experience of Italy; and for all of us, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience in a Jubilee year. Many of our members have shared that this Pilgrimage is made extra special because we get to embark on a spiritual and musical journey with this particular

group. Our Ministry is a diverse group of musicians who have found a spiritual home and safe haven within St. Paul's, and our Music Ministry. We're looking forward to sharing our faith experience through music with the world at large.

Join us in person or via livestream for an evening of Music, Community, and Marvelous Things as we prepare to send off this beloved group of musicians. The evening will be led by Music Director Joey Chancey and will feature singers from both The St. Paul Choir and the Inspirit Ensemble.

If you are unable to attend our concert, or would like to make an additional tax-deductible donation towards our fundraising efforts, [you may do so via our fundraising page HERE!](#)



May's "Welcome Weekend" celebrations will be hosted by the Music Ministry! Stop by after any mass on May 10th and 11th for fellowship, or to hear more about the pilgrimage.



M O T H E R ' S D A Y
SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

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

**JOIN US AT EVERY MASS ON
MOTHER'S DAY FOR A SPECIAL
BLESSING OF OUR MOMS**

This year's flower crowns for our Blessed Mother were donated in loving memory of Najat Chebli and Josephine Andrews.



With brotherly sadness, but with true
Christian hope in the Resurrection of our Lord,
we share the news of the death of

*The Most Reverend
Gerald T. Walsh, 83*

Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of New York

Former Rector, St. Joseph's Seminary and College
Former Vicar General and Vicar for Clergy

Born April 25, 1942

Ordained Priest May 27, 1967

Received Episcopal Consecration September 21, 2004

Entered Eternal Life May 4, 2025

RECEPTION OF THE BODY AND WAKE • LYING IN REPOSE

Monday, May 12, 2025 • 2:00 to 7:00 PM

Main Chapel of the John Cardinal O'Connor Pavilion

5655 Arlington Avenue • Riverdale, NY 10471 • 718-581-0070

Entrusted to the care of the Riverdale-on-Hudson Funeral Home, Riverdale

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 • 10:30 AM

Church of St. Elizabeth

268 Wadsworth Avenue • New York, NY 10033 • 212-568-8803

Most Reverend Edmund J. Whalen, principal celebrant

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, homilist

INTERMENT

Calvary Cemetery, Woodside



COME, HAVE BREAKFAST



A MORNING GATHERING FOR DISCUSSION OVER BRUNCH WITH



Sr. Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ

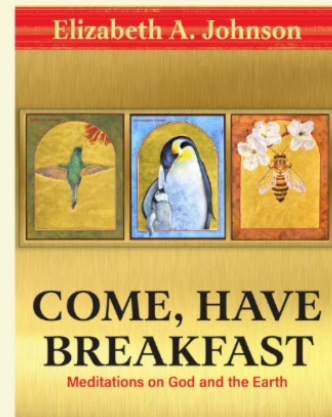
Award-Winning Catholic Author

*Distinguished Professor Emerita of Theology
at Fordham University*

FRIDAY, MAY 16TH 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 National Catholic Reporter* has hailed Elizabeth as “one of the country’s most prominent and respected theologians.”

We will gather in the Parish Center for small group discussion with Elizabeth about her latest book, *Come, Have Breakfast*. With purchase of your ticket, you will receive a copy of the book in the mail ahead of the event. Come ready to discuss and share in some morning fellowship!



\$25 FOR BOOK & BRUNCH

GET TICKETS AT

WWW.STPAULTHEAPOSTLE.ORG/BREAKFAST

[Get Tickets Here](#)

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

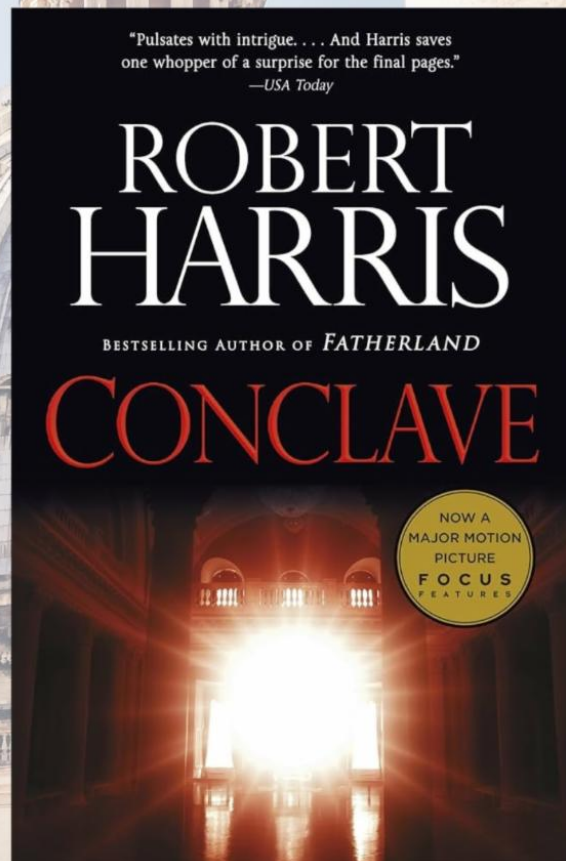
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May BOOK CLUB

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

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, 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.

May 31st, 2025 from 1PM - 4PM

St. Paul's Parish Center (405 W59th St) in Rooms 201/202

RSVP Now

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**



Laudato Si

Ministry at St. Paul's

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

Parish Donations

<u>Collections</u>	Week Ending in 5/4/2025	Week Ending in 5/6/2024
Total	\$7,985	\$7,688
In-Pew	\$7,985	\$7,688
Faith Direct	N/A	N/A
YTD* (+22.19%)	\$895,589	\$732,939

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

Monthly Church Operating Budget	FY 2025	FY 2024
May Operating Budget	\$291,500	\$233,333
May In-Pew Collections Total	\$7,985	\$35,272
YTD Surplus/Deficit (end of March)	+\$132,000	+\$186,762

Holy Humor

Imagine what they are saying

“Why can’t we vote?!”

“You’re not a Cardinal, dear.”



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, and Robert K. Echenauer.

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, and the Assante Family.

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, May 9th

7:30 AM † Irene & Edward Dybowski
12:10 PM † Mario Domingo Ramos de Vera
& † Benjamin Felarca Ramos

Saturday, May 10th

8:00AM † Gustavo Herrera
5:00PM † Gregovia Alicea Delgado

Sunday, May 11th

8:00AM † Salvatore & Catherine Mazzella
10:00AM † Zoila Hernandez &
Conchita Espinoza
12:30PM - For the People
5:00PM † Najat Chebli & Josephine Andrews

Monday, May 12th

7:30 AM - Olha Kalen
12:10PM - Mary AJ Deckon

Tuesday, May 13th

7:30AM † Doris Ryan
12:10PM † Aurelia Real

Wednesday, May 14th

7:30AM † John Finnegan
12:10PM † Marie Kerr

Thursday, May 15th

7:30 AM † Iverac Family
12:10 PM † Patrick Clarke

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





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



Virtch Church on the St. Paul's
Website

Virtch Church on YouTube

Virtch Church on Facebook



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 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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