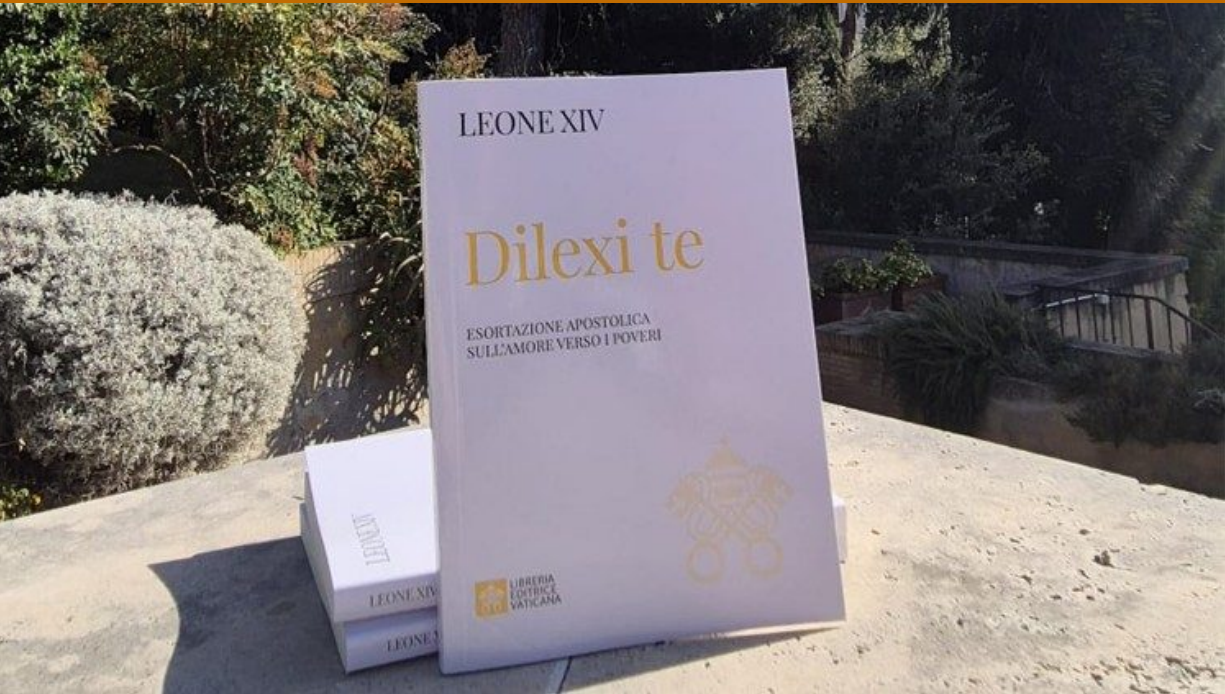


October 16th, 2025



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The (Associate) Pastor's Column

Since Pope Leo XIV's election in May, I've been excited to learn more about him and the issues and themes he sees as most pressing for our time. The release of his first apostolic exhortation last week, *Dilexi Te*, offers an early answer.

An apostolic exhortation is a formal message from the Pope in which he encourages us to live out the teachings of Christ in a particular way. *Dilexi Te* is Latin for "I have loved you," (from the Book of Revelation). The document speaks to the Church's call to serve those who are poor. It was started by Pope Francis before he died, with Pope Leo making the document his own and finishing it earlier this year. Reflecting on it this past week, a few ideas stand out:

First, we shouldn't overcomplicate Jesus' message. Pope Leo, building directly on the writing of Pope Francis, urges us to appreciate Jesus' clear, consistent teaching on accompanying those who are poor. He writes, "The message of God's word is 'so clear and direct, so simple and eloquent, that no ecclesial interpretation has the right to relativize it'" (DT 31). Many passages in the Bible

require interpretation and nuance. The call to serve those in great need is not one of them. So, in our own lives, if accompanying in some clear way those who are poor is buried under a list of other priorities, or we've rationalized our way into placing our attention as a community elsewhere, we're simply missing the mark.

Second, accompanying the poor can take many forms. Pope Leo invites us to a more expansive view of "poor" than economic poverty alone. Manifesting Christ's love to "the poor" includes those who are sick. He writes, "the Christian presence among the sick reveals that salvation is not an abstract idea, but concrete action" (52). A comprehensive understanding of "the poor" includes those who have been impoverished of basic rights and freedoms. He includes here victims of human trafficking, forced labor, and sexual exploitation, among others. Attention to the poor is a tragically broad category with many points of entry for our prayer and concrete action.

Finally, we care "with the poor." Pope Leo writes not only about care "for the poor" but also care "with the poor." In fact, he uses the phrase, "with the poor" thirteen times. "By her very nature the Church is in solidarity with the poor, the excluded, the marginalized" (111). While it may seem small, the use of "with" instead of "for" reminds us that poor people are more than simply a cause or an object of our pity. Care "with" affirms that we walk with them, recognizing their full dignity, as well as unique perspective and gifts. Anytime we are attending to those in need, including here at St. Paul's, we always "care with" as much as we "care for."

Consider taking a closer look [at the document](#), which is very readable and an inspiration for our prayer and communal reflection. **As you do, mark your calendar for Sunday evening, November 9th, when award-winning former Vatican correspondent and author Chris White will join us to talk about his new book, *Pope Leo XIV*.** It will be a chance to continue to get to know our new Holy Father and reflect on what his teachings mean for each of our lives.

But first, we've got LOTS happening yet this month . . . so read on!

October blessings,



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

Upcoming Events



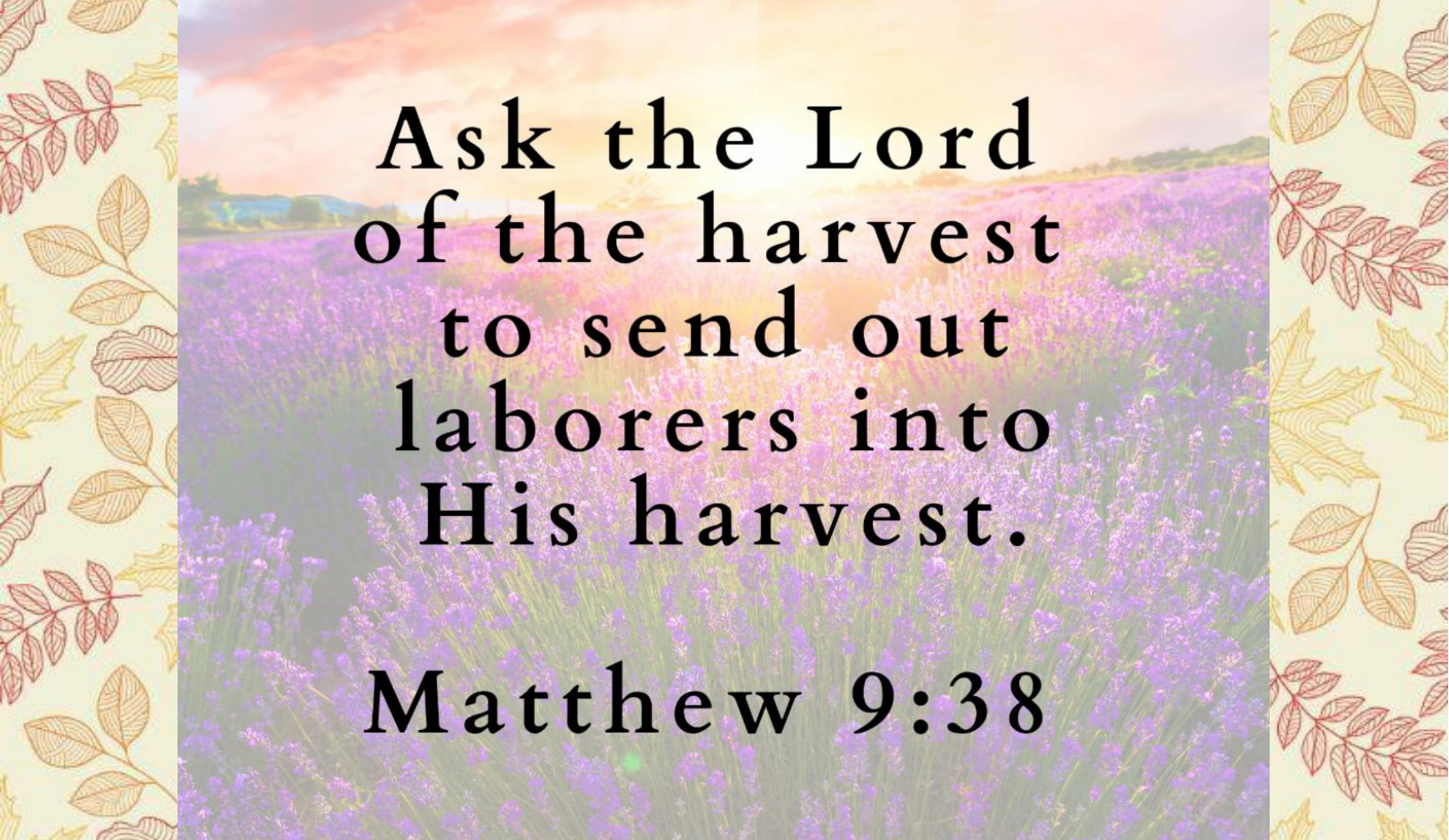
FALL MINISTRY FAIR

Join your fellow parishioners in the church auditorium to explore the 30 vibrant ministries available to you at our parish.

Whether you're looking to deepen your prayer life, serve those in need, or find your community, there will be something for you—not to mention plenty of food, music, and fun!

OCTOBER 25 – 26
AFTER ALL MASSES





Ask the Lord
of the harvest
to send out
laborers into
His harvest.

Matthew 9:38

JOIN THE HARVEST

Volunteers Needed! October 25 - 26

Our Fall Ministry Fair will highlight the active ministries at St. Paul's, connecting parishioners with new opportunities to get involved in the community, find ways to give back, and "harvest" the hope we've cultivated through the help of the Holy Spirit.

We need the help of parishioners like you to ensure the weekend runs smoothly and is a fruitful opportunity for our neighbors to get involved.

If you're interested in being a part of the Harvest of Hope, please fill out [the brief Google Form linked here](#) (or at the button below). Our parish coordinators will be in touch in the following weeks with more details. Thank you for your generosity and prayers!

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)



MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

among the Peoples



World Mission
Sunday 2025
October 19th

SHARE:
GIVE NOW

YOUR GIFT
HELPS
SUPPORT:


82,498
Seminarians


8,749
Shelters and
Orphanages


11,992
Health
Centers


843,785
Catechists


258,540
Religious
sisters

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"MISSIONS25"
TO 53555



Leper Colony, Kon Tum, Vietnam, April 7, 2025. (TPMS USA/Margaret Murray)

OCTOBER 19: Second Collection for World Mission Sunday

[Learn More](#)




THE LUNCH BUNCH

Senior Luncheon



Sponsored by The Many Others



Enjoy lunch with your fellow parishioners, friends, and neighbors! Lunch is free, but we appreciate any offering you can make.

This month's featured speaker will be Susan Campochiaro Confrey who will give us a short history of the Rosary.

Wednesday, October 22nd
from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

October BOOK CLUB

Set during the French Revolution, this classic novella by Gertrud von Le Fort is based on the true story of the Carmelite nuns of Compiègne, who offered their lives for the preservation of the Church in France.

The story captures an epoch vividly demonstrating man's capacity for both heroism and brutality, exploring eighteenth century Paris, the Reign of Terror in France, and the Catholic faithful caught in the middle.

THE Song AT THE Scaffold



GERTRUD VON LE FORT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
at 6:30PM in the Parish Center

RSVP to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org

“There were also women looking on from a distance... When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and **there were many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.**”

Mark 15:40-41



THE MANY OTHERS

Faith, Passion, and Strength

We invite you to learn more about our ministry for Catholic Women at the upcoming Ministry Fair (October 25 - 26)!

Find some info about our next event below:

The Many Others Ministry, and the Circulo de Oracion and Taller de Elaboracion de Rosarios invite you to join us in prayer in the church! We will say the Jesus prayer and the Rosary together for Peace as Pope Leo has asked in this month of Mary.

Please enter through the Parish Center to access the church!

Tuesday, October 28th

from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Church





ALL SAINTS DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

MASSES AT
8:30AM, 5PM

ALL SOULS DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

MASSES AT
8AM, 10AM, 12:30 PM, 5PM



BLESSING OF THE RUNNERS

A LITTLE 'GODSPEED...!'



GOES A LONG WAY!

St. Paul's is offering a special blessing to participants in the 2025 NYC Marathon. Join us at mass the Saturday before race day for some well-wishes from the parish!

NOVEMBER 1ST AT 5PM MASS



ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE BOARD

November 2nd is the day that the church commemorates all the faithful departed. The Feast of All Souls Day will always remind us of those who were once a part of our lives and are now a part of our memories.

This year, we invite you to bring in a picture (up to 5"x7" in size) of your dearly departed to be featured on the remembrance board in our Sacred Heart Memorial Chapel.

Please drop off a copy of your photo at our Welcome Center Bookstore or the Parish Center. Since we will not be able to return the photos after the board is created, you can also e-mail a copy to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org.



**ON DISPLAY
NOVEMBER 2 - 28**

Laudato Si

Environmental Ministry



**A New Exhortation Deepens the
Concepts of Laudato Si**

**CLICK HERE
TO LEARN MORE!**

**The Environmental Ministry is hosting a
Tree Education and Street Tree Cleanup**

Saturday, November 8th at 10AM



TAYLOR

2025 LINCOLN CENTER SEASON

NOV 4 - 23

WITH ORCHESTRA OF ST. LUKE'S



PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY & POLARIS PROJECT WELCOMES

CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

FOR A THRILLING DANCE EXPERIENCE AT LINCOLN CENTER!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025 at 7pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025 at 2pm

Photo of Gabby Barnes by Rachel Neville

**FREE TICKETS: Paul Taylor Dance Company
(Limit Two Per Sign-Up)**

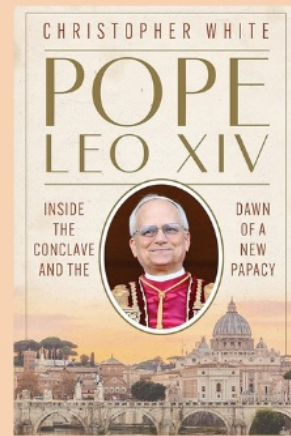
[Get Tickets Here](#)



AUTHOR TALK

St. Paul's is grateful to host Christopher White for a discussion of his new book *Pope Leo XIV: Inside the Conclave and the Dawn of a New Papacy*.

Mr. White is associate director at the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University. He is a former Vatican correspondent and national correspondent for *National Catholic Reporter* and a former reporter for *Crux*.



NOVEMBER 9TH
after 5PM Mass

Scenes from the Week



What an incredible weekend! Past and present members of OSP gathered at St. Paul's on October 11th and 12th for our first Homecoming reunion. The day was full of engaging discussion, prayer, and a lot of catching up!



A special thanks to everyone that helped organize the weekend. We can't wait to celebrate with you all again next Homecoming!





Weekly Collections

Collections	Week Ending in 10/12/2025	Week Ending in 10/13/2024
Total	\$36,566	\$37,595
In-Pew	\$7,961	\$7,678
Faith Direct	\$28,605	\$29,917
YTD* (+2.05%)	\$140,454 (FY2026)	\$137,627 (FY2025)

Fiscal Net Operating Budget		
	FY2026	FY2025
Sep. '24 to Aug. '25 Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	-\$417,773	-\$316,390

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

Holy Humor

**CONFESSION STARTS AT
3PM AND YOU SHOWED UP AT 3:01?**

I TOO LIKE TO LIVE DANGEROUSLY

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Prayer Requests



Prayer Requests

Grant eternal rest to Daniel Wilson, Lorraine Bucalo, Cullen Holt Creel, John Henry Paige, William Michael (Mike) Meyers, Jr., Leo Kupiec, Xinia Hernández, Judy Britt.

Grant health and healing to Christopher Ryan Asencio , Luke Nedza, Jerry Ward, Albert Besteiro, Marilyn Cheney, Judy Britt , Diane Sheedy, Denise Abady, Lisa Lea Wilson Hart, Aide Zamudio, Fr. John Krivak, Leo Kupiec, Yobannis Torres, Julia Horan, Tommy Champion, James O'Brien, Maureen Moriarty, Louie Perez, Mary Jo Lilly, Maria Segarra, Juan Rozon, and Coumba Dia.

Grant peace and well-being to Fr. Samuel Perrins, Tim Dillon, Gail & Tom Santner, John Altez, Libby Montgomery, Hobbes Mayo, Marian O'Brien, the people of Palestine, and Kristina.

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, October 17th

7:30 AM † Iryna Zarko

12:10 PM † Ann McGowan

Saturday, October 18th

8:30 AM † Robert Linhardt

5:00 PM † Raymond E. Sullivan

Sunday, October 19th

8:00AM - For the People

10:00AM † Arcadia Castro Romero

12:30PM † John Coronel

5:00PM † Mariann Kelly

Monday, October 20th

7:30 AM - Anna Zarko & Family

12:10 PM † Ana Mateo Romero &

Julio Juan Valentin Mateo

Tuesday, October 21st

7:30 AM † Aurora Felarca Ramos &

Juan Aragonés

12:10 PM † Josefina Fuentes

Wednesday, October 22nd

7:30AM † Susan Grant

12:10PM † Alfredo Samano Zabala

Thursday, October 23rd

7:30 AM † Susan Waibel

12:10 PM † Shannon 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



Make a Gift 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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SATURDAYS AT 5 PM

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM & 5 PM

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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>.

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