

September 25th, 2025



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## The Pastor's Column

### A Neighborhood Parish... with an International Impact

Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus was clear to his disciples and to us: "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News." Through our baptism, we are called to be missionaries, always sharing the Gospels in word, deed, and music! I commend our music ministry for taking up this charge as they went on their pilgrimage to Italy. A good missionary brings something new to those to whom they are sent, and in turn learn from those they minister. In this way both the missionary and the missioned are transformed by the experience.

We can all be proud of those parishioners who shared the spirit, the diversity, and the joy of our parish to those they encountered. They represented St. Paul's so wonderfully, and they didn't let any of this go to their heads. If anything, they were overwhelmed by the spiritual gifts and graces they were experiencing. Wherever they sang whether it was at Mass in the grand basilicas in Italy including the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. Peter's in Rome, or at the four different churches where they offered a concert, those gathered heard a new sound that resonated with them,

and they always wanted more! Our tour guide even remarked after the first concert: “You brought the Renaissance back to Florence!” Many of these events were recorded, and I know Joey Chancey looks forward to sharing the highlights with you soon.

One of the tag lines we’ve been using to talk about our parish lately has been: “A neighborhood parish with a national impact.” That can now be upgraded to “A neighborhood parish with an International Impact.” This is true especially given Pope Leo’s surprise invitation for our choir to sing at the Papal Audience on September 24 before over 80,000 gathered in the square, and countless others watching live at home. The choir didn’t know this would happen until they arrived that morning at the Vatican. Without missing a beat, they sang J. Oconer Navarro’s new song “Love More” based on Pope Leo’s words with great passion.

The symbolism of our choir and parish with all its diversity and its unique style singing to the world in St. Peter’s Square should not be lost on anyone. Pope Leo’s words of welcome to all at his inauguration is being put into practice, in subtle, yet clear ways. In this time of toxic political rhetoric and divide, it is a blessing that we can truly exemplify St. Paul, who said of himself: “I have become all things to all people, to save at least a few.”

For more details on all of this, please check out this article by our own Camillo Barone that was released today by the National Catholic Reporter: <https://www.ncronline.org/vatican/how-nyc-parish-choir-brought-broadway-flair-st-peters-square>

The Music Ministry is just one part of this truly dynamic parish that Fr. Chris, Fr. Paul and I are humbled and honored to serve. May this be a moment for all of us to be renewed as pilgrims on a journey, together with the Lord, to share his Word so to make all things new!



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

## Upcoming Events



# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly friends to the front steps of the church for a blessing in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH  
at 11:30 AM

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# Rooted & Growing

Cultivating Faith in the  
Sacred Chaos of Family Life



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We're excited to invite you to our next **Sacred Circles Gathering this Saturday, October 4, 3-5pm in Parish Center Room 101**. If you joined us last time, you know it was a gift to laugh, breathe, and connect in the middle of our wonderfully messy lives.

We'll offer up **Sunday's Gospel (Luke 17:5-10)** for reflection - but mostly, we'll spend unhurried time together in the sacredness of this season of parenting. No RSVP needed!

To stay up to date on our upcoming events, join our mailing list at [bit.ly/stpaulsrooted](https://bit.ly/stpaulsrooted), or [click here!](#)

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## Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 3PM

Meeting in the Parish Center (405 W59th St)

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# SVDP at SPA



## THANK YOU SO MUCH!

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul expresses our sincere gratitude to St. Paul the Apostle Parish for your generous support of our mission and of this year's Friends of the Poor Walk. Through your prayers, donations and participation, you have helped us to continue bringing Christ's love and hope to our brothers and sisters in need.**



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Watch the video below to hear from Fatimah about how the vital work of our St. Vincent de Paul chapter has helped her and her family:



## A FORDHAM CENTER ON RELIGION AND CULTURE EVENT



In conversation: **BLAIR BRAVERMAN**  
Author, adventurer, influencer ... and Jewish dogsledder!

**October 9, 2025 | 6 – 7 p.m.**

Fordham University at Lincoln Center  
McNally Amphitheater  
140 West 62nd Street  
New York, NY 10023

Moderated by David Gibson, director  
of the Center on Religion and Culture



Hear the renowned dogsledder, author, and speaker discuss adventure, leadership, and Jewish identity. Braverman will also be signing copies of her books.

Registration is free





*homecoming*

OSP will host its first-ever reunion, called Homecoming, on **Saturday, October 11th and Sunday, October 12th.**

The weekend will include a talk about the history and future of OSP on Saturday afternoon, a reception on Saturday evening, and Mass on Sunday at 5pm. Everyone who has ever been involved with OSP in any way is invited. If you didn't receive the save-the-date email, please let us know -- and please help us spread the word!

**October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**

Sign up by clicking the button below, or go to  
**[www.stpaultheapostle.org/homecoming](http://www.stpaultheapostle.org/homecoming)**

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

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# BILINGUAL HEALING MASS



Join us for an evening mass on October 15<sup>th</sup> dedicated to special prayer for the health and healing of participants and those that we keep in our hearts. It will include the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please spread the word to those in your life that are in particular need of God's healing power and love.

**ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE**  
Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

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# OCTOBER 25TH – 26TH

## FALL MINISTRY FAIR

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: October 25th and 26th After All Masses**

Our Fall Ministry Fair will showcase the 30+ 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.

The Ministry Fair will include food, entertainment, giveaways, and so much more! 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!



*St. Paul's*

# THE LUNCH BUNCH



Sponsored by *The Many Others*  
(Our new Women's Ministry!)



Enjoy lunch with your fellow parishioners, friends, and neighbors! There will be good food and great fellowship. Lunch is free, but we appreciate any offering you can make!

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

RSVP: [STPAULTHEAPOSTLE.ORG/LUNCH](https://stpaultheapostle.org/lunch)

[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](mailto:welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org)

# Laudato Si

## Environmental Ministry



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

**MOVED to Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10AM**

**CLICK HERE  
TO LEARN MORE!**



## NEW EPISODE

Dr. Dave and Chris from the catechist team catch up with three neophytes: Sean, Gospel, and Nathalie. We unpack our experiences of journeying to and from the Eucharist and how the graces of our celebration of the liturgy ripple out into our daily lives as New Yorkers. Our inspiration is drawn from this beautiful passage from the Catechism:

"In the sacramental liturgy of the Church, the mission of Christ and of the Holy Spirit proclaims, makes present, and communicates the mystery of salvation, which is continued in the heart that prays. The spiritual writers sometimes compare the heart to an altar. Prayer internalizes and assimilates the liturgy during and after its celebration. Even when it is lived out 'in secret,' prayer is always prayer of the Church; it is a communion with the Holy Trinity" (CCC 2655).

[Listen Here](#)

## Scenes from the Week



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This Sunday, we had two exciting celebrations at our 10AM Mass! The first was the baptism of baby Cecilia, the daughter of Kayleen and Brett Heckscher. Kayleen has shared her talents as a cantor in our Music Ministry for many years, and Brett works with the Paulist Fathers advancing their national mission. We're glad the whole congregation got to welcome in our newest Catholic together at mass!



St. Paul's  
NYC

Then, at the end of mass, we celebrated Catechist Sunday by honoring all those at St. Paul's who work in the formation of new Catholics, whether that be the children of the parish or adult converts in OCIA. Members of the Archdiocese even joined us to extend a special congratulations to four of our catechists who are celebrating 25 years of service!



Last Sunday OCIA held our annual live read of all of the Gospel of Mark. Here's photos of the group, as well as photos of a poster before and after we added post-its with our takeaways and impressions from the Gospel. Prospective Catholics and our welcomers and catechists all added post-its throughout our reading. We also drew from the Tenebrae service by strategically lighting and extinguishing candles. This is our signature experiential activity during our Come and See phase.





<b><u>Collections</u></b>	<b>Week Ending in 9/28/2025</b>	<b>Week Ending in 9/29/2024</b>
Total	\$11,132	\$9,725
In-Pew	\$11,132	\$9,725
Faith Direct	N/A	N/A
YTD* (+5.85% vs FY'25)	\$93,744 (FY'26)	\$88,559 (FY'25)

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

<b><u>Monthly Church Operating Budget</u></b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
September Operating Budget	N/A	\$291,500
September In-Pew Collections Total	\$40,835	\$39,455
Sep. '24 to Jul. '25 Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	-\$273,512	-\$220,255

## Holy Humor

How I feel when I pet a dog and the owner says "he doesn't usually let people pet him"



[See More](#)

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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.

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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, October 3rd**

7:30 AM - For the People  
12:10 PM † Grace Blandina Mwelwa-  
Mulkolwe

**Saturday, October 4th**

8:30 AM † Dorliza Francisca Gutierrez  
5:00 PM † Lost Souls of Purgatory

**Sunday, October 5th**

8:00AM - For the People  
10:00AM † Arcadia Castro Romero  
12:30PM † Grace Blandina Mwelwa-  
Mulkolwe  
5:00PM † Marcin Broda

**Monday, October 6th**

7:30 AM - Dan Domer and Family  
12:10 PM † Dominick V. Giordano

**Tuesday, October 7th**

7:30 AM † Julia C. Abaya  
12:10 PM † Conchita Espinoza

**Wednesday, October 8th**

7:30AM - Kathy Haley and Family  
12:10PM † Janice Daniel

**Thursday, October 9th**

7:30 AM - Priscilla Loanzon  
12:10 PM † Josephine Andrews

## 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](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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