

September 11th, 2025



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Pastor's Column

Andiamo in italia!

Ciao fratelli e sorelle! As you can see, I am brushing up on my very poor Italian. This coming Tuesday, 42 members of our music ministry, Director Joey Chancey, and I are headed to Italy for the long-awaited Jubilee Pilgrimage. Thanks to the awesome support of many of you, choir members who wouldn't have been able to afford the trip can now go. The excitement in the music ministry is palpable! I've been to Italy plenty of times, but this go around it will be the spiritual equivalent of taking your kids to Disney World for the first time. In my experience, the best plan for any pilgrimage is to put the Holy Spirit in charge... to bond the group together in God's love, to provide surprises, and to stretch pilgrims in new ways (especially when bad surprises happen)! Let's see what the Holy Spirit has in store this time!

During this pilgrimage the group will minister to other pilgrims during the Jubilee Year by offering concerts in Florence, Assisi, and Rome with the music you are very familiar with. They will also sing at Masses in St. Peter's Basilica

and St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome and at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. At the weekly Wednesday audience with Pope Francis, we are praying we will be able to present to the Pope an original piece of music by our composer in residence J. Oconor Navarro entitled "Love More." This music piece is based on the homily the Holy Father gave at his inauguration. Since the theme of this jubilee year is hope, I am hoping our group will be ambassadors of the joyful spirit of St. Paul's to all we encounter, inviting them to come and pray with us when they are in New York, or on Virtch Church.

You can keep up with us on our Social Media pages (Facebook and Instagram). I'll be posting to our accounts from overseas regularly. Joey is arranging for some of the concerts to be videotaped which he will be excited to share that with you when we get home. Most of all, please pray for us that this time together may deepen the love of God in the hearts of all on missionary trail!

On a related personal note, this pilgrimage will be important to me in a particular way. On the day before the flight to Rome, my family will gather for the funeral of my mother's sister, Anna Mae Popavero Tkazyik. Aunt Anna Mae died this past Monday at the age of 93 surrounded by her family. You may remember the homily I gave about her hospitality to strangers, even from her hospital bed. She was the matriarch of the Popavero side of the family, and she is the last of her generation to go to the Lord. It leaves us first cousins a bit unmoored.

Her funeral will be held at the church of her baptism in the old Italian neighborhood of Poughkeepsie. Over the years, she and my mom kept us all together, were icons of faith for us kids, and were the finest of cooks! No matter how many people showed up for Sunday supper, there was always enough! If you wonder where my fondness for Frank Sinatra came from, you can thank Aunt Anna Mae! I remember going to a Sinatra concert with her in my youth, and even in her then 50s, she screamed like a teenager for Frank! If you have a moment, please pray for the repose of her soul. I am hoping Italy will be a time to savor good Italian cooking and give thanks for good memories of my Italian roots, while new ones are being forged with this family of faith.

Look forward to seeing you all upon our return the weekend of September 26-27.

Until then,

Dio vi benedica,



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

WELCOME



WEEKEND

SEP 13 & 14



AFTER MASS





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday, September 14th
Noon - 4PM
Welcome Table Soup Kitchen
@ Xavier Mission

Sign Up
Now

SECOND COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 14TH

A photograph showing a woman wearing a headscarf and a patterned shawl, sitting on the ground in a tent-like structure. She is holding a metal bowl and feeding two young children. The child on the left is looking towards the camera, while the child on the right is looking away. The background shows the interior of the tent with various items hanging from the ceiling.

**A collection by the Archdiocese of NY
for humanitarian assistance in Gaza**

Cardinal Timothy Dolan has called for a second collection on Sunday, September 14th to support the work of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Catholic Relief Services in Gaza. Please contribute what you can to help deliver humanitarian aid and pastoral care during this ongoing tragedy. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Paul's Bereavement Support Group

The purpose of bereavement support groups is to provide support to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one: to offer an environment where the bereaved can help each other through their pain and sorrow, to see each other emerge from the experience able to survive and become stronger.

The Fall Bereavement Group will start in September and meet once a week for 6 weeks from 6:30 to 8pm. (Day of the week to be determined by the availability of the participants.) The group will be facilitated by Barbara Burns.

If you are interested in participating or just want to find out more about the process, **contact bereavement@stpaultheapostle.org or 212 663-5640.**

**Meetings Start in September
in the Parish Center (405 W59th St)**



ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

COME *and* SEE

OCIA INQUIRY PROGRAM
SUNDAYS @ 11:30 AM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7
IN THE PARISH CENTER

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT DR. DAVE VIA QR CODE



Our annual OCIA process resumes this Fall with our inquiry phase, which we call our Come and See program. This is a great program for spiritual seekers and those who are curious about Catholicism.

We will meet regularly on Sundays beginning on September 7 at 11:30 and explore what it means to be Catholic today. To learn more, contact Dr. Dave at david.de.la.fuente@stpaultheapostle.org.



Laudato Si

Environmental Ministry

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OUR WEEKLY REFLECTION](#)

MASS FOR CARE OF CREATION



THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
in collaboration with THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
& METRO NEW YORK CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT
Invite you to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical
LAUDATO SI': CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

LET US COMMEMORATE TOGETHER, IN THIS SEASON OF CREATION, THE WORK OF OUR
PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS IN CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025
6:30PM Mass
followed by a reception

Church of St. Francis Xavier
46 West 16th Street in NYC
Accessible entrance: 55 West 15th Street

ALL ARE WELCOME!

AN RSVP TO MNYCCM@GMAIL.COM IS APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED

Fall for Dance with OSP at New York City Center

Thursday, September 18
Meet at 7pm for tickets
131 W. 55th Street



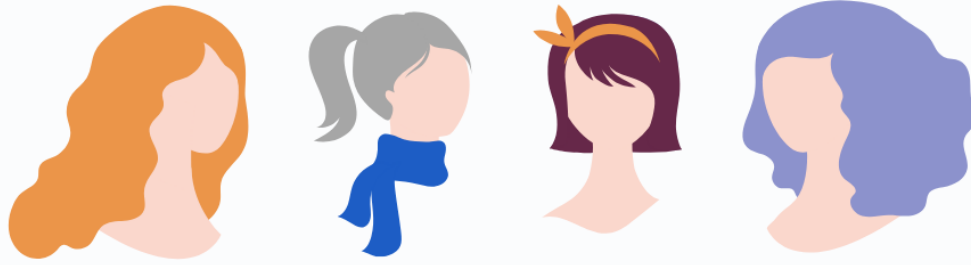
Must RSVP with OSP Member George York at
george.york1@verizon.net
and pay for ticket (\$23) in advance to secure spot



Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, photo by Michelle Reid

“There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. 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



WOMEN AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE ARE
INVITED FOR A COCKTAIL AND A CHAT

Tuesday, September 23rd
at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center

Join other women in our parish community for a discussion about a new ministry created for women of the parish. This gathering will be an opportunity to get to know each other and express ideas about what we hope this ministry might offer. Let's have fun building this together!

RSVP at the link below!

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

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





FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK 2025

COME JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FROM OUR CHURCH'S CHAPTER OF SVDP

SATURDAY SEPT. 27TH AT 9:30 AM

STARTING FROM ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
ON FIFTH AVE. BETWEEN 50TH AND 51ST STREET

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MANY THINGS SVDP DOES TO HELP THOSE IN NEED, ASK FOR ASSISTANCE, OR TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, SCAN THIS QR CODE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SVDPSPANYC.ORG



GOD BLESS YOU!

Donate to SVDP

Learn More about Our Ministry



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 11th and 12th

Sign up by clicking the button below, or go to
www.stpaultheapostle.org/homecoming

[Click Here for Interest Form](#)

BILINGUAL HEALING MASS



Join us for an evening mass on October 15th 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 15th at 6:00 PM

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

Parish Donations

<u>Collections</u>	Week Ending in 9/7/2025	Week Ending in 9/8/2024
Total	\$7,770	\$7,161
In-Pew	\$7,770	\$7,161
Faith Direct	N/A	N/A
YTD* (+8.50% vs FY2025)	\$7,770 (FY'26)	\$7,161 (FY'25)

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

<u>Monthly Church Operating Budget</u>	FY 2025	FY 2024
September Operating Budget	N/A	\$291,500
September In-Pew Collections Total	\$7,770	\$39,455
Sep. '24 to Jul. '25 Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	-\$273,512	-\$220,255

Holy Humor



anika ✨🕊️
@todallyanika

Follow

one of the nurses couldn't find a vein and then goes, "are you catholic?" to which I say, yes. then she goes "st anthony look around, something's lost and can't be found."

never heard anyone ask st anthony to find a vein before.

See More

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, Marian A Milne, Daniel Wilson, Lorraine Bucalo, Cullen Holt Creel, John Henry Paige, and Marco Pievani.

Grant health and healing to Paula Ryan, Maureen Belsito, Luke Janke, Dee Tomeo, Valerie Bosco, Tony Micakaj, Liza David, Paul Schmittner, Rev. Ronald Yarrosch, Jayne Boccuzzi, Donnie Strickland, Michael Conner, Rudy Alamia, Kathryn Sanders, Christopher Henderson, Lucy Gbile, Francela Lopez, Denise Abady, Albert Besteiro, Shay Gavin, Daniel, Linda and Nathan Wilson, Mary Dare, Kathleen Friel, Yvonne Beatrice, Mary Dare and Luz Maria Baquera, Christopher Ryan Asencio, Luke Nedza, the people of Palestine, Gaza & the Middle East, Jerry Ward, Albert Besteiro, Marilyn, Cheney, Judy Britt, and Diane Sheedy.

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, Marguerite Zohni, Neil Sussman, Baby Elias, Neil Sussman, Catherene Baker, and Jean Blackwell, Fr. Samuel Perrins, Tim Dillon, Gail & Tom Santner, and John Altez.

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](#)

Mass Intentions

Friday, September 12th

7:30 AM - Emilio Espinal
12:10 PM - Shay Gavin

Saturday, September 13th

8:30 AM - For the People
5:00 PM † Zoila Hernandez

Sunday, September 14th

8:00AM † Millie Mazzella
10:00AM † Therese Chicki Fusto
12:30PM † John Coronel
5:00PM † Roget Resca

Monday, September 15th

7:30 AM † Geri Bracken
12:10 PM † Peggy O'Sullivan

Tuesday, September 16th

7:30 AM † Susan Waits
12:10 PM † John Polkowski

Wednesday, September 17th

7:30AM † Christopher Wieczorek
12:10PM - Gene Gelormino

Thursday, September 18th

7:30 AM † Marie Coombs
12:10 PM - Ellen LaPierra

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

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.



You can also find us on Venmo. Just scan the QR code above, or search for [@stpaulsnyc](#) to donate now!

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SATURDAYS AT 5 PM

SUNDAYS AT 10 AM & 5 PM



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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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