

September 25th, 2025



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The (Associate) Pastor's Column

Happy Fall, everyone! In these early autumn days, we're excited to share with you our parish theme for our fall season, "The Harvest of Hope."

At St. Paul's we know that, in Christ, hope is always present. In the final months of this Jubilee Year of Hope, we're excited to offer many opportunities to come together as a parish so that we can share our talents, our gifts, our very presence for the building up of our community and our Church. In this way, we will be "harvesting," gathering what we have and who we are, so as to discover hope that will nourish us for the future.

Months ago when we were first discerning this fall theme, we could not have

imagined how much hope we would find right at the start of this season. Yesterday's news of our St. Paul's choir singing for Pope Leo XIV is a visible sign of hope for our parish and beyond. This historic moment, led by Fr. Eric and Music Director Joey Chancey, is indeed a "first fruit" of this harvest. As they return to NYC tonight, we are so grateful and excited for all the inspiration they bring back with them.

We know too that so many of us are in particular need of hope given the events taking place in our country and in our world. As I look for that hope, I've been returning this week to a passage from Luke's Gospel: "Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance" (Lk 8:15). Finding hope may indeed seem challenging, but with perseverance as well as generous hearts open to God and one another, we will continue to harvest hope in abundance. And what a gift to do it together.

Indeed, the harvest is just beginning! Below you will find lots of great opportunities to be a part of The Harvest of Hope this fall. We can't wait to have you with us.

God bless,



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



As mentioned above, our choir performed a new composition at the Pope's General Audience yesterday morning to thousands of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

The piece - entitled "Love More" - was created by St. Paul's composer-in-residence, J. Oconer Navarro under the direction of Joey Chancey. "Love More" was written expressly for the choir's Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy and includes words from Pope Leo's first speech and inaugural homily. The song is dedicated to the children of Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis.

A broadcast of our choir performing this beautiful composition is available through Vatican News here:



Upcoming Events



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](#)

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:



OSP Fall Hike & Pilgrimage

Hudson Highlands visit to Graymoor: The Holy Mountain



Join for a guided hike and pilgrimage for the 2025 Jubilee

Saturday, September 27, 7:30 am to late afternoon

4.7 miles from Garrison, NY to Graymoor

LEARN MORE & RSVP BY 9/21 AT THE LINK IN BIO



THIS WEEKEND AT ALL MASSES



SECOND COLLECTION FOR ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

The seminarians of the Archdiocese of New York, trained at St. Joseph's Seminary, are tomorrow's priests, pastors, bishops, and cardinals, and the Appeal helps fund their studies and preparation. Your gift ensures that our newly formed priests will be well-equipped to serve the faithful throughout their lives.

[Thank you for your generosity!](#)

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY
FOR A SPECIAL MASS

JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS



YOU'RE WARMLY INVITED TO THE 10:00 AM MASS THIS
SUNDAY AS WE CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS!

LET'S COME TOGETHER TO HONOR THOSE WHO SHARE
AND TEACH THE FAITH IN OUR PARISH—ESPECIALLY
THE CATECHISTS WHO'VE GUIDED OUR OWN
FAMILY'S JOURNEY.

YOUR PRESENCE IS A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO SAY THANK YOU!

SEPTEMBER 28TH
AT 10:00 AM



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 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM

Rooted & Growing

Cultivating Faith in the
Sacred Chaos of Family Life



We're excited to invite you to our next Sacred Circles gathering happening this Saturday, October 4th. This is your space to slow down, breathe deeply, and connect with others in the same beautifully messy season of life. We'll share some Gospel reflection, honest conversation, and just enough snacks and laughter to remind us we're not alone.

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

Saturday, October 4th at 3PM

Meeting in the Parish Center (405 W59th St)

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 11th and 12th

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

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

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

SAVE THE DATE
October 25 – 26



Ministry Fair

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

Laudato Si

Environmental Ministry



**SPA Cares for Our Trees!
November 1st at 10:00 AM**

**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



Our choir's performance for Pope Leo XIV at yesterday's General Assembly drew some attention from the news!

Good Morning America anchor and parishioner [Gio Benitez](#) was the first to share the exciting news on yesterday morning's broadcast.

Later in the day, ABC 7's Kemberly Richardson spoke with Fr. Eric and Fr. Chris about the significance of this wonderful occasion:



We couldn't be more proud!



We had an excellent turnout for the first meeting of our new ministry, "The Many Others!" More than 50 women in the parish got together over wine and cheese to plan the future of the ministry and how it can best serve St. Paul's. For anyone who missed it, we hope to see you at an upcoming gathering!

Weekly Collections

<u>Collections</u>	Week Ending in 9/21/2025	Week Ending in 9/22/2024
Total	\$33,546	\$29,302
In-Pew	\$9,789	\$8,067
Faith Direct	\$23,757	\$20,965
YTD* (+4.79% vs FY2025)	\$82,612 (FY'26)	\$78,834 (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	\$29,703	\$39,455
Sep. '24 to Jul. '25 Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	-\$273,512	-\$220,255

Holy Humor

Here's a picture of Mary sorting the devil out while an angel holds baby Jesus, who could be either praying or clapping. It's one of my favourites. You're welcome. God loves you.



[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 26th

7:30 AM - Aubrey Eliana
12:10 PM † Vito Donofrio

Saturday, September 27th

8:30 AM - San Lorenzo de Ruiz
5:00 PM † Fr. Ed Pietrucha

Sunday, September 28th

8:00AM † Esther Loanzon
10:00AM † Carmen Curet
12:30PM † Leonida Aurora Nuñez
5:00PM † Ralph Box III

Monday, September 29th

7:30 AM - St. Michael
12:10 PM - The Monastic Fraternity
of Jerusalem

Tuesday, September 30th

7:30 AM † Abran Lebeto Nuñez
12:10 PM † Pauline Rasheed

Wednesday, October 1st

7:30AM † Peter Herd-Smith
12:10PM † Josefina Vazquez

Thursday, October 2nd

7:30 AM - For the People
12:10 PM † Monina Aste

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!

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>.



Try email marketing for free today!