

September 4th, 2025



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Pastor's Column

Listening to the Holy Spirit

Kinda last minute and in a hurry, last night, I gathered some parishioners together to respond to a request from the Paulist Fathers HQ. Every four years, we Paulist Fathers, looking to the signs of the times, discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. A representative number of Paulists will gather for a General Assembly next June 2026 to chart the mission direction for the upcoming four years and beyond. The work of the General Assembly would not be complete without hearing from all Paulists and those we serve in our ministries and parishes. In July, all Paulist Pastors were asked to set up a Listening Session with parishioners so they might respond to these four questions:

1. What experiences of the Paulist Fathers mission and ministry have been most meaningful or enriching for you and others?(Think of specific moments, ministries, or people where you've seen or felt the Paulist charism in action. What was meaningful about that experience?)
2. What do you see as challenges or areas of growth for the Paulist Fathers mission and ministry?(What tensions or limitations might be opportunities for growth or renewal?)
3. What do you hope the Paulist Fathers will focus on or prioritize in the net four years?(How might Paulists more faithfully live their mission?)
4. What do you believe the Holy Spirit is saying to the Paulist Fathers today?(Is there a theme that stays with you as you engage with this process?)

The Listening Session held last night was a great success and notable in several ways. First, everyone genuinely enjoyed getting together and seeing each other. The evening had a “back to school” buzz as people reconnected after the summer vacation season. Secondly, participants were grateful that the Paulists were including them in their discernment. It was an appreciated continuation of a “synodal” discernment model we have employed at St. Paul’s over the last couple of years. Finally, the results were wonderful. I am so grateful to how thoughtful and engaged our parishioners are. We have opinions and are not afraid to share them!

Dr. Dave de la Fuente was tasked with synthesizing all the responses to the 4 questions. That will take some time! In the meanwhile, I thought that you would like to hear some of the responses to question #4:

- Continue slaying (my personal favorite)
- Heal divisions by creating a community where all are welcome—especially in a time of great polarization in the country. The Church is not Jew or Greek, slave or free, liberal or conservative.
- Evangelize, be a place of welcome, bring people back to the Church, continue to be at the forefront of LGBTQ+ ministry, speak louder about the important role of women in the Church, be a leader in the American Catholic Church
- It’s the women, the women, the women... elevate, empower, and celebrate them.
- Hispanic Ministry that is integrated in the wider parish community.
- Explain and interpret the Bible to Americans in a modern, intelligent, open way!
- Expand the meaning of vocation.

I’ll keep you updated on this process. Next up are pre-assembly gatherings East, West and On-Line in October. There, Paulists and Lay representatives will hear these reports and make recommendations to next Spring’s General Assembly. If you’d like to add your voice to those who gathered last night, let me know! For more information on this and all things Paulists, go to our website: www.paulist.org.

Together, let’s pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead this process, so that our collective efforts may build the enrich and strengthen our parish and the Church in America.

Blessings,



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

Upcoming Events



ACADEMY OF SACRED DRAMA

St. Paul the Apostle is happy to introduce the Academy of Sacred Drama for a performance of Judith and the Invader.

Founded by Jeremy Rhizor in 2013, the Academy seeks to revive the long-overlooked genre of Baroque oratorio – dramatic musical works rooted in biblical narratives and the lives of saints. The pieces performed by the group are rarely heard by American audiences.

JUDITH AND THE INVADER

BASED ON LA GIUDITTA “DI CAMBRIDGE”
BY ALESSANDRO SCARLATTI

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
AT 7:30PM

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

8 COLUMBUS AVENUE | NEW YORK, NY | 10023



Premiered in Italy in 1697, Alessandro Scarlatti’s dramatic oratorio, **La Giuditta “di Cambridge,”** features a libretto by Prince Antonio Ottoboni based on the Book of Judith and a score for three voices, basso continuo, and strings. In this production, St. Paul’s parishioner Tony Lopresti serves as movement director.

ADMISSION RANGES FROM \$15-\$60 | PURCHASE TICKETS
FROM THE ACADEMY AT [LU.MA/JUDITH_NYC](https://lu.ma/judith_nyc) OR [CLICK HERE](#)

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, September 6th from 2:00–4:00pm. 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.

We're also starting to shape the rest of our season together, and we'd love your input. Whether you've been to every gathering or this will be your first, your voice matters.

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

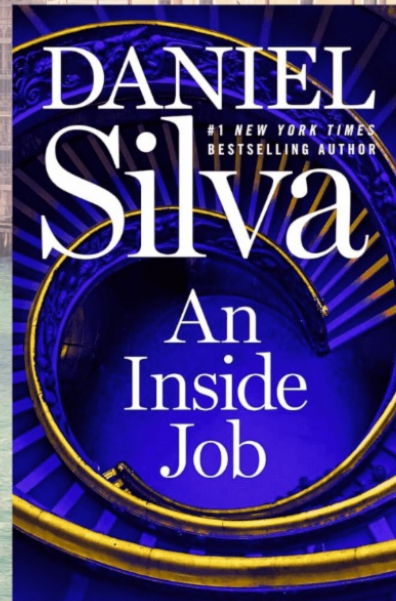
Saturday, September 6th at 2PM

Meeting in the Parish Center (405 W59th St)

September BOOK CLUB

DATE CHANGE

Art restorer and legendary spy Gabriel Allon must solve the perfect crime in the dazzling new tale of murder, greed, and corruption from #1 New York Times bestselling novelist Daniel Silva.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
at 6:30PM in the Parish Center

RSVP to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB RESCHEDULED

Don't miss your chance to gab about this month's nail-biting page-turner from Daniel Silva! Our discussion of "An Inside Job" has been rescheduled to **September 10th, at 6:30PM** -- we hope to see you there!

Laudato Si

Environmental Ministry at St. Paul's

COMING UP

Our Laudato Si Team has this on offer next Thursday:

A Central Park Pilgrimage of Hope

Thursday, September 11th at 6 PM

Meet at the Parish Center (405 W59th ST) at 6 PM for Creation Prayer followed by a walk and meditation through Central Park.

**CLICK HERE TO READ
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!

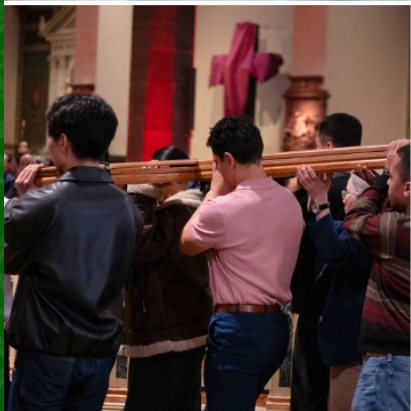
AN RSVP TO MNYCCM@GMAIL.COM IS APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED

SECOND COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 14TH

A photograph showing a woman wearing a headscarf and a patterned shawl, sitting on the ground and feeding two young children. The children are sitting on the ground, one looking at the camera and the other looking away. They are in a tent-like structure with a patterned wall and some hanging fabric. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an indoor or sheltered environment.

**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.



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.

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

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





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](#)

**Did you or a family member live in San
Juan Hill? Are you a long-time
resident of Amsterdam Houses?
Tell your story!**



*Share your story of the neighborhood in a recorded group
interview with students as part of a living history project
at Fordham University.*



Check out our past archived
conversations with
community members!

If you're interested in the project, contact:
cjordan40@fordham.edu | 931-691-1132



Parish Donations

Collections	Week Ending in 8/31/2025	Week Ending in 9/1/2024
Total	\$35,304	\$22,799
In-Pew	\$11,791	\$6,581
Faith Direct	\$23,513	\$16,218
YTD* (+21.61% vs 2024)	\$1,282,546	\$1,054,640

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

Monthly Church Operating Budget	FY 2025	FY 2024
August Operating Budget	\$291,500	\$233,333
August In-Pew Collections Total	\$47,097	\$34,406
Sep. '24 to Jul. '25 Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	-\$273,512	-\$220,255

Holy Humor



**New Evidence Suggests That
Cain's Rejected Offering Was Kale**

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[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 5th

7:30 AM † Lori Greenblatt

5:00 PM † Rebeca & Aguado Argandar

Saturday, September 6th

8:30 AM - For the People

5:00 PM † Lisa Surace

Sunday, September 7th

8:00AM † Frank Scalise

10:00AM † Janelle Travers

12:30PM † Miryam Elizabeth Villalobos

5:00PM † George Burns

Monday, September 8th

7:30 AM † Jadwiga Wieczorek

12:10 PM † Alberto Hernandez

Tuesday, September 9th

7:30 AM † Francisco Sandoval

12:10 PM † Ernest DeCampo

Wednesday, September 10th

7:30AM † Joyce Gordon

12:10PM † Lois Rey

Thursday, September 11th

7:30 AM † Perse Burns

12:10 PM † Francisca Febus Nieves

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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WHEREVER YOU GO!

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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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