

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

Parish Address

405 West 59th Street
New York, New York 10019
www.stpaultheapostle.org

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Parish Center..... 212-265-3495
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Parish Center Hours

Sunday-Friday 9a.m.-9p.m.
Saturday..... 9a.m.-6:30p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday..... 8:30a.m., Vigil Mass 5:15p.m.
Sunday 8a.m.(Cantor) 10a.m. (Choir), 12:30p.m. (Spanish),
5:15p.m. (Young Adult Choir), 8p.m. (Fordham University during Academic Year)
Monday-Friday..... 7:30a.m., 12:10p.m.

Reconciliation

Tuesdays and Thursdays after the 12:10p.m. Mass
Saturdays 4p.m.-4:45p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after the 7:30a.m. Mass
Benediction at 5:15 p.m.

Religious Ed.

Parents should contact Hernan Sanchez at 212-265-3495 to register their child

Registration

If you worship with us regularly and would like to be registered as a parishioner, please fill out the form on page six of the bulletin or stop by the Parish Center.

Parish Staff

Rev. Gilbert Martinez, CSP *Pastor*
Rev. Ronald Franco, CSP *Associate Pastor & Vice Postulator,*
..... *Hecker Sainthood Cause*
Deacon Waldemar Sandoval *Saint Vincent de Paul Society,*
..... *Baptismal Preparation, Homebound*
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Mr. John Znidarsic *Resources Manager*
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Rev. Lionel DeSilva, CSP *Assistant Chaplain*
Mr. Cleveland Kersh..... *Music Director*
Ms. Nancy Meyer *Cantor*
Mr. Michael Beltran *Cantor*
Ms. Ellen Bullinger..... *Cantor*

Paulist Ministries in Residence

Paulist Fathers

www.paulist.org

Busted Halo

Rev. David Dwyer, CSP www.bustedhalo.org

Vocations Office

Rev. David Farnum, CSP 212-757-4260

Outreach to Young Artists

Rev. Frank Sabatté, CSP www.openingsny.com

**From 59th and 9th
The Pastoral Corner**

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the Church of St. Paul the Apostle! If you are visiting family & friends in the city, please know that you are in your home! The festive atmosphere of New York City makes it a special place to celebrate Christmas.

For all of our personal experiences of Christmas, Christmas is also the story of how we are experienced by God. Out of love and great compassion, God says “yes!” to becoming human flesh in Jesus the Christ. See how God says “yes”: go to the manger, and see the child in swaddling clothes. God saying “yes!” to you! “Yes!” to the world! Our response to God’s love in the Christmas story is also the story of our parish founded in 1858.

The parish was established for the Missionary Society of Saint Paul the Apostle, commonly known as the Paulist Fathers and the first religious community of priests founded in the United States by Servant of God, Father Isaac Hecker, CSP.

Construction of our beautiful and historic church began in 1876 and completed in 1884. The first Christmas celebrated in this church was in 1885. The Church building was dedicated on the feast of our patron, Saint Paul on his feast day, the Conversion of Paul on January 25, 1885.

In 2010, we will celebrate our church’s 125th Anniversary of Dedication – even as the church is enfolded by scaffolding. We are repairing the roofs on towers and the church building.

Our Paulist founder and first pastor, Servant of God, Father Isaac Hecker is entombed in the large sarcophagus in the northeast corner of the Church. Learn more about the Church on our website www.stpaultheapostle.org and about the Paulist Fathers and Fr. Hecker at www.paulist.org. The Paulist Young Adult Ministry website www.bustedhalo.org is also located here. It’s an engaging and contemporary look at living faith as a young adult.

We exclaim “Yes!” to the Christmas story again! When the Word became Flesh, earth was joined to heaven. May God join his peace and compassion to your heart and to our world!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Fr. Gilbert Martinez, CSP – Pastor

Events at Saint Paul

Free H1N1 Flu Shots

Prepare for the New Year by getting an H1N1 Vaccination offered free by St. Luke-Roosevelt Hospital at our parish.

Persons must be 18 + years old. Bring proof of identity. Quantity is limited. Please register at the Welcome Center

Bookstore.

Parish Center - Tuesday, December 29th

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Mary, Mother of God

New Year’s Eve Vigil Mass December 31, 2009

Candlelight Mass – 10 PM

New Year’s Day

Friday – January 1, 2010 Mass – 10 AM

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will not be holding its weekly gathering until February 8, 2010.

Year for Priests Holy Hour

Thursday, January 7, 2010

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Concelebrated Mass, Exposition, Vespers, Benediction

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Join for an opportunity to hear

Holy Cross Father William Dailey, CSC, Scholar in

Residence at Columbia University Law School

reflect on his personal vocation story during a simple meal.

Ministry Activities

YEAR FOR PRIESTS HOLY HOUR

Thursday - January 7, 2009,

7:00 PM - Holy Hour

Mass, Exposition, Vespers, Benediction,

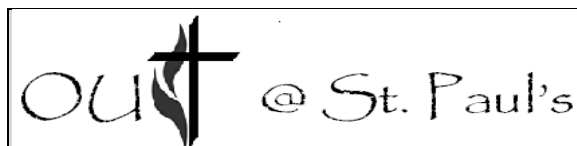
8:00 PM - Reception & Discussion

Hear Holy Cross Father William Dailey, CSC, Scholar in Residence Columbia University Law School share his personal vocation story during a simple meal.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult Catholics, who have been baptized but have not been confirmed or have not received their First Holy Communion, are invited to participate in a program of sacramental preparation on Monday evenings, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning February 1, 2010. Please register in advance at the St. Paul the Apostle Bookstore/Welcome Center. The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, which will serve as the text for the course, may also be purchased at the Bookstore.

The Most Rev. Dennis Sullivan, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul the Apostle Church on Saturday, April 10, 2010, at 5:15 p.m.



Ministry with Gay & Lesbian Catholics
Day of Reflection

Join James Alison catholic theologian, priest, and author noted for his work on gay issues for a Day of Reflection. He studied at Oxford University, and earned his doctorate in Theology from the Jesuit Theology Faculty in Belo Horizonte, Brazil and has lived and worked in Latin America and the U.S. He lives in Sao Paulo, Brazil and is the author of many theological works including *Faith Beyond Resentment*, *Fragments Catholic and Gay*.

Two Sessions -

Morning Session – “Christianity 101” 9:30 am – noon

Afternoon Session – “Gay Catholics: Survival Tips”

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm Saturday – January 23, 2010

Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Parish Center – 405 W.59 St.

Or register for one or both sessions at the Welcome Center

bookstore (212) 265-3495x343.

welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org.

ADOREMUS

Young Adults at St. Paul's The Apostolist Winter 2010 Season

Saturday, 1/9 Art Pilgrimage: Come see James Tissot's brilliant watercolors of “The Life of Christ” at the Brooklyn Museum. \$10 ticket. Meet in front of St. Paul's at 12 noon.

Sunday, 1/10 Sing and Learn: Kick off the 2010 young adult choir season with this mixer followed by rehearsal. We will meet in the Parish Center (405 W 59 Street) at 6:30 pm.

Friday, 1/22 Men's Poker/Ladies' Movie Night: Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun. Both events from 7 – 10 PM in the Parish Center.

Sunday, 2/7 Winter Homeless Banquet: Come serve hot meals and share your afternoon with our guests. 11 am – 3 pm. Enter through the Parish Center.

Wednesday, 2/10 Teaching Mass with Fr. Gil Martinez: Everything you ever wanted to know about the Mass – but were afraid to ask. 7 pm in the crypt chapel. Enter through the Parish Center.

Fri – Sun, 2/12-14: Young Adult Retreat: Prepare yourself for Lent at the Paulist Retreat Center in Oakridge, NJ. Details to come.

Fridays, 2/26 & 3/19 Lenten Fish Fry: Join us after Stations of the Cross for Fish, Fellowship and Faith sharing. 7-10 pm in the Parish Center.

Apostolist is the young adult ministry of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, NYC (60th & Columbus). Join us every Sunday evening for our 5:15 pm Mass and for fellowship and refreshments right after Mass. www.apostolist.com

Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church

Construction began 1876

Completed 1884

Dedicated January 25, 1885

Saturday – January 23, 2010

Illuminate

A Special Concert capturing the glittering qualities of mid-winter and the stars illustrated on the Church ceiling and featuring the National Children's Chorus formerly the Paulist Choristers Program features “Dancing Day” and “A Ceremony of Carols”

Sunday – January 24, 2010

Mass of the Conversion of Paul

Monday – January 25, 2010

Vespers of the Conversion of Paul

DIRECTIVA PASTORAL

Padre Gilbert S. Martinez, CSP, Parroco
Padre Ronald Franco, CSP
Diacono Waldemar Sandoval
Gina Delgado: Coro Hispano



Misa Hispana: Domingo 12:30 pm
Cura Ultraya Cursillista: Domingo 1:30 pm
Confesiones: Llame por cita
Telefono: (212) 265-3495

Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo –

Hoy las lecturas contienen historias parecidas de niños en el templo. Desde su infancia, Samuel es llevado por su madre, Ana, a vivir en la casa del Señor. Después de tres días, Jesús es encontrado por María, en el templo, entre los doctores del Templo: Él tiene que ocuparse de los asuntos de su Padre.

Juan nos llama "hijos de Dios". Aunque no hagamos de la iglesia nuestro hogar físico, permanecemos con Dios espiritualmente y dedicamos nuestras vidas a Él. Éste es un día apropiado para dedicar nuestras familias al Señor.

¿Comó dedicamos nuestras vidas a nuestras familias?

FELIZ NAVIDAD Y PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO – Padre Gil

La Virgen de Altagracia

Celebremos La Virgen de Altagracia el Sábado, 24 de Enero 2010 en la misa dominical de 12:30 p.m. y con Una Fiesta inmediatamente después de la Misa. La Virgen de la Altagracia es la *Protectora del Pueblo Dominicano* con la Patrona del país; la Virgen de las Mercedes. ¡Todos Están Invitados!

**Misas del Año Nuevo
Santa María, Madre de Dios**

31 de diciembre – Misa vigilia – 10 PM
1 de enero – Misa – 10 AM

**MINI- CURSO DE FORMACION EN LA FE
PARA ADULTOS**

Las clases comienza el Domingo 10 de Enero – hasta 28 de Marzo después de la misa de Español (1: 45- 3:45pm)

¿Necesitas los sacramentos de primera comunión y confirmación para adultos? ¿Quieres aprender más sobre la fe Católica? La Iglesia de San Pablo Apóstol estará ofreciendo un curso de formación en la fe para adultos. Algunos de los temas a explorar son: Dios y Revelación, La comunión de los santos, Crecimiento espiritual, entre otros. Si está interesado por favor llenar un formulario antes del 10 de Enero día cuando comienzan las clases. Los formularios están disponible en la librería de la iglesia y en la oficina parroquial. Si tiene más preguntas puede comunicarse con Hernán Sánchez al 212- 265-3495 EXT 341.

H1N1 Vacunas Gratis

Preparese para el Año Nuevo.

Vaccíneos de la gripe gratis ofrecidos por el hospital del St. Luke-Roosevelt. Personas de 18 años de edad y en adelante serán acomodados. Traiga por favor la prueba de la identidad.

Martes – 29 de diciembre 2009 - 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Centro Parroquial -405 West 59th St.

**POR FAVOR, REGISTRAR EN LA LIBRERIA.
VACCINEOS SON LIMITADOS.**

CARIDADES

**CATÓLICAS:FORALECIENDO
FAMILIAS Y RESOLVIENDO.**

Cada año más de 3.000 familias son asistidas para mantenerse juntas; 4.00 familias han recibido ayuda financier en un crisis y 26.000 han sido ayuadas con servicios sociales y de orientación social-todo esto provisto por Caridades Católicas de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York. Para conocer más: www.catholiccharitieny.org

EL CIRCULO DE ORACIÓN

El Circulo de Oración se reúne todos los viernes a las 7 PM en el Centro Parroquial – todos son bienvenidos.



Lecturas para la semana del 27 de diciembre de 2009

Domingo: Eclo 3, 3-7. 14-17 o 1 Sm 1, 20-22. 24-28/
Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17 o 1 Jn 3, 1-2. 21-24/Lc 2, 41-52
Lunes: 1 Jn 1, 5---2, 2/Mt 2, 13-18
Martes: 1 Jn 2, 3-11/Lc 2, 22-35
Miércoles: 1 Jn 2, 12-17/Lc 2, 36-40
Jueves: 1 Jn 2, 18-21/Jn 1, 1-18
Viernes: Nm 6, 22-27/Gal 4, 4-7/Lc 2, 16-21
Sábado: 1 Jn 2, 22-28/Jn 1, 19-28
Domingo siguiente: Is 60, 1-6/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12



Saturday, December 26

St. Stephen, first martyr

8:30 †Carmen Acosta

5:15 Sainthood Cause for Pierre Toussaint

Sunday, December 27

Holy family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 †Sidney Morison

10:00 †Maria Araza

12:30 For the People

5:15 Sainthood Cause for Fr. Hecker

Monday, December 28

Holy Innocents, martyrs

7:30 †Joseph De Martino

12:10 †Shirley Shintaffer

Tuesday, December 29

Fifth day, Octave of Christmas.

St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr

7:30 †Justino Irizarry & Maria Pagan

12:10 †Michael O'Hara

Wednesday, December 30

Sixth day, Octave of Christmas

7:30 †Carmine A. Angeloni

12:10 †Stephen Strombeck

Thursday, December 31

Seventh day, Octave of Christmas.

St. Sylvester I, pope

7:30 †Luisa LoFaro

12:10 Canales Torres Ayala family

10:00 For the People

Friday, January 1, 2010

Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

10:00 †Encarnacion Linares

Saturday, January 2, 2010

**SS. Basil the Great, and Gregory Nazianzen,
bishops and doctors**

8:30 †Luisa Lo Faro

5:15 Patsy Rita & Diane Lesgirlles

Pray for Our Sick

Michele Blanco, Jack Cacomanolis, Jose & Clemencia Garcia, Teresa Guevara, Isabel Iondoño, Lina Melendez, Liza Ann Montero, Melba Ortiz, Juan C. Ospina, Ruth Ospina, Kathleen Ryan, Esther Salgado, Lucy Salgado, Rafael Salinas, Antonio Silva, Natan Sheyer, Leslie Smith, Abe Steingart, Emilio Bernardo, Ann Nolan, Dr. Remigio Bernardo, Thomas Kinkead, Mary Kovack, Francisco Gerdy, Carrie Bullock, Marie Starr, Tracy Manning, Jenny Young, Terry O'Leary, Raymond Lopez.

Did You Know?...Ask Fr. Ron

The new "Year of the Lord 2010" will begin Friday, January 1, with all the solemnity and silliness which traditionally accompanies the beginning of our new year. The calendar currently in use in Western Christianity (and also as a civil calendar in most of the world) is the Gregorian Calendar, named for Pope Gregory XIII, who in 1582 corrected the Julian Calendar then in use - in the short-term by dropping 10 days between October 4 and 15, 1582. The Christian calendar previously in use (in which New Year's Day was originally March 25) was the Julian Calendar, named after Julius Caesar who had systematically reformed the older Roman Calendar in 45 B.C. The Julian Calendar was quite accurate. It deviated from the actual solar calendar by only 11½ minutes per year. Over time, however, this inaccuracy had become more and more pronounced. Thus, by the 16th century, the spring equinox (on which the calculation of the date of Easter depended) had fallen back to March 11. Hence, the reform of 1582! To forestall future error, Gregory decreed that "century years" (e.g., 1700, 1800, and 1900) would no longer be counted as leap years - unless they were also divisible by 400 (e.g., 1600 and 2000).

While Catholic countries immediately adopted the Gregorian Calendar, countries where the Reformation Churches were established were much slower in doing so. Great Britain continued to use the Julian Calendar until the middle of the 18th century, by which time the 2 calendars were 11 days apart. Thus, George Washington was born on February 11, 1731 in Colonial Virginia, which was actually February 22, 1732, in most other Western countries. This was finally corrected by the British Calendar Act of 1751, which declared the day after Wednesday, September 2, to be Thursday September 14, 1751.

Many Eastern Orthodox Churches continue to use the Julian Calendar, which since 1900 is now 13 days behind. Hence, Orthodox Christmas occurs on our January 7, and Orthodox Epiphany on January 19. (Before the Revolution, Russia used the Julian calendar exclusively. Hence what historians refer to as the "February Revolution" and the "October Revolution" actually occurred in March and November 1917 according to the calendar in use in most of the rest of the world).

Please remember in prayer the following Paulist Fathers, the anniversary (day/year) of whose death is this week (*denotes served at St. Paul's): James A. McVann* (12/28/1978), Robert A. Skinner (12/29/1935), George Deshon (12/30/1903), John J. Bradley* (12/30/1994), John P. Donahue (12/31/1997), John J. Colleary* (1/1/1966).

AROUND THE DIOCESE



ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE BOOK & GIFT SHOP

CHORAL VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF THE LORD'S BAPTISM

Sunday, January 10, 2010, 4:00 PM

At Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121 Street

Information (212)666-9350 or www.corpus-christi-nyc.org

40% off all Nativities over \$20
Christmas Cards 50% off

ARCHCARE SENIOR LIFE

ArchCare Senior Life is now available in your community, offering services for older adults who need long-term care.

Do you worry about an older adult in your family or community? Someone who has one or more serious chronic illnesses? Is frail or needs assistance with daily activities? Struggling to take care of themselves? Seeks a solution tailored to their needs and preferences? Wants to remain in their own home in their community?

ArchCare Senior Life is a Program of All-inclusive Care for the elderly (PACE), providing comprehensive care services for frail older adults. ArchCare Senior Life provides care for individuals who are eligible for nursing home care, but prefer to remain at home for as long as possible.

The ArchCare Senior Life program is available to residents of Manhattan and the Bronx. For additional information regarding ArchCare Senior Life, you, a family member, or one of your providers can call: 1-866-263-9083. An ArchCare Senior Life Nurse or an enrollment Specialist will be available to talk with you to help you decide if this program is right for you, and will then help you complete the enrollment process.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND RESOLVING CRISIS.

Each year more than 3,000 families are helped to stay together through services that prevent children from being placed in foster care; 4,000 families are given financial assistance in a crisis and 26,000 helped with social services and counseling – all by The Catholic Charities of the archdiocese of New York. To Learn More: www.catholiccharitiesny.org

Mr. Blue by Myles Connolly, The January selection for our Great Catholic Fiction Book Club is about the mysterious and magnetic J. Blue, who spends his inherited wealth as soon as he gets it and lives in a packing box on a New York City rooftop. This beloved novel about a contemporary St. Francis figure, first published in 1928, has intrigued countless readers for decades! Discussion is scheduled for Tuesday January 26, 2010

Happy New Year!

Readings for the Week of December 27, 2009

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5---2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Become a Registered Parishioner

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S):(home) _____

(cell) _____ and/or (work) _____

EMAIL: _____