

# CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

Parish Address  
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## Contact Us

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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*  
Rev. Robert Collins, SJ ..... *Director of Adult Initiation*  
Sr. Maria Luz Lemus, OJS ..... *Sacristan*  
Mr. Hernán Sanchez ..... *Director of Religious Education*  
Ms. Kathy Zirnheld ..... *Manager Welcome Center/Bookstore*  
Ms. Diane Conroy ..... *Director of Youth Formation*  
Mr. Javier Castro ..... *Facilities Management*  
Mr. James Gerosimo..... *Director of Security*  
Mr. John Znidarsic ..... *Resources Manager*  
Rev. James McQuade, CSP ..... *St. Luke-Roosevelt Hospital Chaplain*  
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](http://www.paulist.org)

## Busted Halo

Rev. David Dwyer, CSP ..... [www.bustedhalo.org](http://www.bustedhalo.org)

## Vocations Office

Rev. David Farnum, CSP ..... 212-757-4260

## Outreach to Young Artists

Rev. Frank Sabatté, CSP ..... [www.openingsny.com](http://www.openingsny.com)

**From 59<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
The Pastoral Corner**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ –

As we celebrate the feast of the Three Kings, we remember that David's City, Bethlehem was "a little one among the towns of Judea," the prophet Micah tells us and yet in her the Messiah was born.

The Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem has only one entrance, and you cannot pass through it without bending down. Some say that it was built this way so that the Bedouins could not enter seated on their camels. But there is another explanation which contains a deep spiritual truth. This door reminds pilgrims that in order to penetrate the deep meaning of Christmas it is necessary to humble oneself and become little.

We too must climb down from "camels" to enter into the stable of Bethlehem as the kings did. For if God has descended from the heavens to the stable, should we not also come down from our pedestals of judgment, power, or control and embrace one another as brothers and sisters reconciled!

If you are visiting Saint Paul's for the first time or coming back during this Christmas season, welcome. In this year 2010 we are celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church.

The Church building was completed in 1884 and dedicated on the Feast of the Conversion of Paul, January 25, 1885.

We will be celebrating throughout the year and will begin our celebration on weekend of January 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be welcoming back the Paulist Choristers, now known by the name "The National Children's Chorus". The chorus will be returning to New York City from Los Angeles and will perform a Concert, "Illumine" in honor of the Anniversary on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please mark your calendars!

May the Lord bless us with the light of humility and gratitude as prepare to celebrate the great gift of our parish church.

Happy Christmas – Father Gil

## Events at Saint Paul

### **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

### **YOUNG ADULTS AT ST. PAUL'S**

**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.

### **Celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church**

*Construction began 1876*

*Completed 1884*

*Dedicated January 25, 1885*

**Saturday – January 23, 2010**

*Illumine*

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" at 8 pm.

**Sunday – January 24, 2010**

*Mass of the Conversion of Paul*

**Monday – January 25, 2010**

*Vespers of the Conversion of Paul*

## Ministry Activities

### SHARING OUR HERITAGE

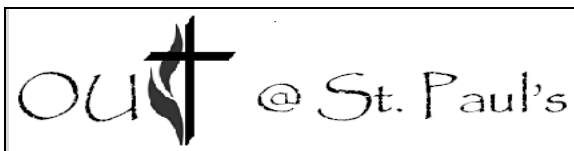
If you are a parent raising children in the City and would like to meet other parents raising children in the City, you are most cordially invited to a meeting on Sunday January 10th after the ten o'clock Mass, please go to room 101 in the Ministry Building. Baby-sitting and refreshments will be provided.

The focus of the group will be on sharing our heritage, our Faith, with our children by listening to the Word of God so as to become "Becoming missionaries to our own children" Please contact Father Collins at [jcollinscp@aol.com](mailto:jcollinscp@aol.com) if you wish more information. New comers are always welcome.

### 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](mailto: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.

**Wednesday, 3/3:** Young Adult Mass: Celebrate Christ's sacrifice in St. Paul's historic crypt chapel. 7 pm.

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

#### Readings for the Week of January 3, 2010

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| Sunday:      | Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12   |
| Monday:      | 1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25   |
| Tuesday:     | 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  |
| Wednesday:   | 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52   |
| Thursday:    | 1 Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a   |
| Friday:      | 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  |
| Saturday:    | 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30   |
| Next Sunday: | Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 |

**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

**LAEPIFANIA**

Estimados Amigos –

En los Estados Unidos esta fiesta se celebra en domingo y es celebración mayor (solemnidad) durante el tiempo de Navidad. El Leccionario nos presenta el Evangelio de san Mateo y el relato de los reyes magos que conocemos bien, pero en la segunda lectura se encuentra el realce principal de esta fiesta de la manifestación de Dios: que los gentiles son coherederos de las promesas dadas por medio de Cristo.

Jesús vino para el mundo entero, pero el mundo no lo ha acogido como al Hijo de Dios, como Salvador. Los Magos han sido símbolo de las muchas razas y culturas del mundo. Cristo llegó para hacernos a todos iguales. En la segunda lectura, san Pablo indica que Dios no tiene favoritos entre las personas, aceptando a todos los que lo honran y actúan justamente, sin fijarse en sus raíces étnicas.

La Epifanía prolonga la Navidad y la eleva a un nivel universal. El Bautismo del Señor concluye la temporada de Navidad. La comunidad hispana interpreta la celebración de los magos de varias maneras. Del mismo modo, la riqueza cultural se refleja en una variedad de dones simbólicos que los magos le traen al Niño Jesús. La mirra significa que Jesús morirá por la humanidad. El oro simboliza el reinado de Jesús por toda la eternidad. El incienso refleja a Jesucristo como verdadero Dios de todo el mundo. Estos dones dan color a la fe con la riqueza de Dios.

*Hermanos y hermanas, oremos:*

*Señor, Dios nuestro, que por medio de una estrella,  
diste a conocer en este día, a todos los pueblos  
el nacimiento de tu Hijo,  
concede a los que ya te conocemos por la fe,  
llegar a contemplar, cara a cara,  
la hermosura de tu inmensa gloria. Por nuestro Señor  
Jesucristo.*

Que Dios les bendiga – Padre Gil

**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 3 de enero de 2010**

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| Domingo:           | Is 60, 1-6/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12  |
| Lunes:             | 1 Jn 3, 22---4, 6/Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25  |
| Martes:            | 1 Jn 4, 7-10/Mc 6, 34-44  |
| Miércoles:         | 1 Jn 4, 11-18/Mc 6, 45-52   |
| Jueves:            | 1 Jn 4, 19---5, 4/Lc 4, 14-22   |
| Viernes:           | 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Lc 5, 12-16  |
| Sábado:            | 1 Jn 5, 14-21/Jn 3, 22-30   |
| Domingo siguiente: | Is 42, 1-4. 6-7 o 40, 1-5. 9-11/Hch 10, 34-38 o Tit 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7/Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22 |

**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)**

¿Necesita los sacramentos de primera comunión y confirmación para adultos? ¿Quiere 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, favor de llenar un formulario antes del 10 de Enero, día cuando comienzan las clases. Los formularios están disponibles 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.

**La Virgen de Altigracia**

Celebremos La Virgen de Altigracia 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 Altigracia es la *Protectora del Pueblo Dominicano* con la Patrona del país; la Virgen de las Mercedes. ¡Todos Están Invitados!



**Saturday, January 2**

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

8:30 †Luisa Lo Faro

5:15 Patsy Rita & Diane Lesgirlles

**Sunday, January 3**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 †Joseph Cox

10:00 For the People

12:30 Miguel Lopez (get well)

5:15 †Betty Devlin

**Monday, January 4**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious**

7:30 †Orlando Romero

12:10 †May Fay

**Tuesday, January 5**

**St. John Neumann, bishop**

7:30 †Harlod Meredith

12:10 Mary Heisel

**Wednesday, January 6**

**St. Andre Bessette, religious**

7:30 Leroy Hays (get well)

12:10 †Stephen Strombeck

**Thursday, January 7**

**St. Raymond of Penafort, priest**

7:30 †JoJean Daniell

12:10 †Alie Kutty Tharakan

**Friday, January 8**

7:30 †Jac Campbell CSP

12:10 †Pedro Soriano

**Saturday, January 9**

8:30 †Pedro Soriano

5:15 †Eric Alvarez

**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**

While the secular world's winter "Holiday Season" has already wound down by January 1 (if not before), the Church continues celebrating Christmas with today's celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord. Actually, Epiphany is the oldest feast of the Christmas cycle, older even than Christmas itself. It originated in the East as the celebration of the Incarnation, celebrating both the birth of Christ and the manifestations of his glory - to the Magi, at his baptism, and in the miracle at Cana. In the 4th century, the Western Church started celebrating Christ's birth on December 25. Eventually, East and West each incorporated the other's festival. Hence we now celebrate the birth of Christ on December 25 and his manifestation to the Gentiles on Epiphany.

According to the Ceremonial of Bishops, the Epiphany "ranks among the principal festivals of the whole liturgical year, since it celebrates in the child born of Mary the manifestation of the one who is the Son of God, the Messiah of the Jewish People, and a light to the nations." Thus the bishop is instructed to "see to it that this solemnity is celebrated in a proper manner" with "a suitable and increased display of lights" and such other traditional Epiphany practices as the solemn proclamation of the date of Easter.

Another popular Epiphany custom in many parts of the world is the blessing of homes. Related to this is the tradition of blessing chalk, used to inscribe the date over the door of one's house: e.g., **20+C+M+B10**. The number 2010 represents the new year. The letters C+M+B and the crosses stand for the legendary names of the three Magi - Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar - and also abbreviate the prayer *Christus mansionem benedicat* ("May Christ bless the house").

In the English-speaking world, gift-giving occurs primarily on Christmas itself. In Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Latin America, however, gift-giving is traditionally associated with Epiphany. In Italy, it is *La Befana* who brings the gifts. In Spain, Portugal, and Latin America is the 3 Kings themselves (*los Tres Reyes*).

Please remember in prayer the following Paulist Fathers, the anniversary (day/year) of whose death is this week (\*denotes served at St. Paul's): John J. Colleary\* (1/1/1966), Alonzo McDonnell (1/3/1978), John N. Tarrant\* (1/5/1963), James A. Linehan (1/5/1964), Joseph R. Foley\* (1/5/1974), John J. Dimond (1/5/1976), Joseph T. Griffin (1/5/2003), John H. Sullivan (1/7/1948), Thomas A. Daly (1/8/1941), Francis W. Stone\* (1/8/1986), Ralph T. Carpentier (1/8/2000)

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### 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](http://www.corpus-christi-nyc.org)

### WELLSPRINGS OF HEALING

A 10-Day Paulist Pilgrimage, June 14-24, 2010

Join Paulists Thomas A. Kane and Thomas Ryan for a special study-pilgrimage to reconciliation and ecumenical/interfaith centers in Europe (N. Ireland, London, Coventry and Geneva) as a way to deepen and expand our related ministries in North America. For more information, visit the web at [www.paulist.org](http://www.paulist.org) or contact Fr. Kane at (617)552-6520 or by email at [tkanecsp@aol.com](mailto:tkanecsp@aol.com).

### 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.

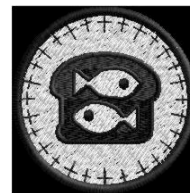
The ArchCare Senior Life program is available to residents of Manhattan and the Bronx. For additional information regarding ArchCare Senior Life, you, a family member, or one of your providers can call: 1-866-263-9083. An ArchCare Senior Life Nurse or an enrollment Specialist will be available to talk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

### The Catholic University & Catholic Communication Campaign

At this time each year, the Archdiocese of New York is asked to take up a collection. The Catholic University of America is a pontifical university that has been educating students from all fifty states of nation; and has educated many of the clergy and religious serving the Church. The Communications Campaign enables the U.S. conference of Catholic Bishops to partner with (arch)dioceses throughout the U.S. in producing programs for radio & tv.

## Sharing & Caring...

Volunteering at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle.



### LOAVES AND FISHES

#### THANK YOU!

Thanks to all the people who gave to the food pantry and the soup kitchen during this Christmas season.

Thanks to Whole Foods, NBC, John Jay College and St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital for their food donations.

To our neighborhood buildings and schools that took up canned food collections for the pantry, and to Fordham for their donations of organic vegetables, farmed right here in NY.

Thanks for volunteering and the special help to make the Loaves and Fishes Christmas party so much fun for our regular guests.

Thanks to the students from Ohio State's Neumann Center for volunteering their help here with the pantry and serving the Loaves and Fishes Christmas luncheon,

May this wonderful spirit of Christmas, continue toward those in need throughout the year.

### PARISH SUPPORT Stewardship Information

Thank you for your generosity.

| <u>Receipts:</u>     | <u>2009</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Sunday, Dec. 27      | \$13,958    |
| Christmas Collection | \$22,940    |

### Become a Registered Parishioner

*If you worship with us regularly and would like to be registered as a parishioner, please fill out the form below and return to our church offices or place in one of the collection baskets or boxes. Please print clearly.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S):(home) \_\_\_\_\_

(cell) \_\_\_\_\_ and/or (work) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_