

# CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

## Parish Address

405 West 59th Street  
New York, New York 10019  
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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 children.

## 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 the Risen Christ –

This year we are celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church on January 25, 1885. The stars of that date's night sky painted on the church ceiling demonstrate the soaring faith of the parishioners who gave generously quarters and dollars to build our magnificent Church.

For 125 years the great faith in the Presence of the LORD has been celebrated in baptisms, weddings, funerals, daily masses, and in a special prayer said with a lit candle at the altar of a favorite saint.

There have been difficult times since 1885. Wars, economic recessions and depressions, illness, and the many personal tragedies have tested our faith. The Church was built during a Great Depression in the 1870's and almost demolished in the 1970's as the neighborhood declined. Still, our parish has survived, even flourished.

All of these moments have been celebrated in the light of the Resurrection kept alive in the celebration of the Eucharist. But, what does the Resurrection mean? The disciples asked the same question: what could the "rising from the dead" (Mk 9:10) mean?

The Resurrection is a great mystery to be lived, even in the limited way available to us as a people who desire to meet the Presence of God through the Risen Christ. Because of our faith we do get a taste of the Resurrection, of living a new life, when we live as though love is stronger than hate; when forgiveness is stronger than revenge; and when life is stronger than death. When in your life do you get a foretaste of the Resurrection?

One of the great symbols of the Resurrection is the water of baptism. We go under water to die with Christ, but then we are raised up out of the water to live a new life in the Risen Christ. Over the many years, it has seemed that our parish might sink and be pulled under. For some of us, it may have seemed that we might sink under the weight of life and be pulled under.

The Resurrection beckons us to grasp the LORD's hand and be raised up, to be lifted up and saved. Saint Paul describes this new life for all of us: "We are as dying, and behold we live." (2 Cor 6:9). The LORD's hand holds us up and our only response is the song of those loved by God, "Alleluia!"

Our parish is flourishing with its many programs and services and even with a roof greatly in need of repair because of our faith in the Risen Christ. And, with thanks to God, may the LORD grasp you by the hand, lift you up and bless you. May the song of Easter joy, "Alleluia!" always be in your heart.

Peace & Love, Father Gil



May almighty God bless you on this solemn feast of Easter,  
Through the Resurrection of his Son, may you know the  
Joy of God's Love, Peace, and Hope.

May you come with joy to the feast which lasts forever.

## Ministry Activities

### EASTER BRINGS NEW MEMBERS

During the celebration of the Easter Vigil this weekend, we complete the initiation of new members into full participation in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. They have been preparing by prayer, study and daily efforts for the day when they would be baptized, confirmed and share with us in the Eucharist. Some of them will be baptized; others, who have already been baptized in other Christian communities, will make their profession of faith and be confirmed. All will complete their initiation by joining us at the eucharistic table. Their names (and their sponsors) are:

Tara Hoffmann (Salvatore Negrete)  
Felicia Hu (Peggy Brolly)  
Daniel Larsen (Marina Salazar)  
Anne Elizabeth Pierog (Melissa Vogel)  
Larry Matthew Taylor (Paul Snatchko)

"The third step in the Christian initiation of adults is the celebration of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. Through this final step the Elect, receiving pardon for their sins, are admitted into the people of God. They are graced with adoption as children of God and are led by the Holy Spirit into the promised fullness of time begun in Christ and, as they share in the eucharistic sacrifice and meal, even to a foretaste of the kingdom of God" [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults].



THE ARCHDIOCESAN  
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
2010

Thank you for your contributions to this important annual campaign which supports so many of the great works of the Archdiocese of New York. To date, our parish has received 125 pledges and gifts for \$30,928.00. We are more than half way to our goal of \$57,000.00. If you haven't made your pledge yet, would you please join in the campaign by making your pledge soon? Thank you for participating in the work of the Church through the Annual Appeal - Fr. Gil

### Rooftop Garden

Our parish is partnering up with Fordham University students to build a vegetable garden on the Parish Center roof to benefit Loaves & Fishes soup kitchen. It will be a great way to get involved with the community on a service project. If you like gardening, building, or just helping out, please sign up at the Welcome Center Bookstore or e-mail Mike Zimmerman at [zimmy222@gmail.com](mailto:zimmy222@gmail.com).

## ADOREMUS

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

**Friday, 4/9** "What Happened at Easter?" An event for anyone who's ever wondered what the big deal is about Jesus, really. 7 pm in the Parish Center.

**Sunday, 4/11** Spring Homeless Banquet: Come serve hot meals and share your afternoon with our guests. 11 am to 3 pm. Enter through the Parish Center.

**Sunday, 4/18** Karaoke Night: sing your heart out, or pretend that you can. 6:30 to 8 pm in the Parish Center.

*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. For more information about Apostolist ministries and events, including our Young Adult Choir and Saturday Prayer Team, find us on Facebook or visit [www.apostolist.com](http://www.apostolist.com)*



Out @ St. Paul's is the Gay & Lesbian Catholic ministry of our parish, which seeks to engage our Catholic faith through service to our community, social activities, and the exploration of Catholic spirituality.

Join us for our Beginning of Spring social event at which will share the various activities and opportunities to participate in Out @ St. Paul's at:

**Out @ St. Paul's Spring Event**  
**Etcetera Etcetera Restaurant**  
**352 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street (btwn 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>)**  
**Thursday – April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**  
**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Come out with other G&L Catholics and friends, have a drink, make some new friends! Come alone or bring guests – we look forward to seeing you! Please visit our website <http://www.outatstpauls.blogspot.com/>. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please e-mail [outatstpauls@gmail.com](mailto:outatstpauls@gmail.com).

**MINISTRY ACTIVITIES**

**SPRING HOMELESS BANQUET**

Come serve hot meals and share your afternoon with our guests. Enter through the Parish Center. Please sign-up in the Welcome Center/Bookstore. April 11, Sunday, 11 – 3 pm

**HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP**

Come join us in praise and thanksgiving as we gather in the Spirit to pray for the needs of our community. Experience an intimate prayer group focused on increasing awareness of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Starting April 12 through Pentecost, Monday at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

**OPENINGS FOR VISUAL ARTISTS**

Openings is an artist collective that seeks to foster conversations among artists to explore the connections between creativity and spirituality. We do this by networking, exhibits, and ongoing discussions. We have a weekly discussion group to talk about those connections and the issues artists face. Tuesday at 7 pm at the Parish Center. For more info – artists@openingsny.com.

**MUSTARD SEED**

The Guild will be having a Wine Tasting on Monday, April 12 at Wine Spot, 127 MacDougal Street. Tickets are \$40.

All funds raised will be for the 2010 Mission trip to Nicaragua, and are fully tax deductible. Space is limited. Contact MustardSeedGuild@yahoo.com

**SENIOR RETIREES**

Wish to thank all of you who helped make our annual bake sale such a success. Starting with those who took the time to bake goodies and deliver them to us in the pouring rain, and a big thank you to those who donated their time and services. Thank you all.

**CENTERING PRAYER**

Christian meditation and chant as inspired by the monks and desert fathers. Meditate to a life of increased creativity, vitality and substance in these times of turmoil and confusion. This Wednesday, April 7, 6:15 to 8:30 pm. Parish Center. Meets every other week. Free. Meditativeprayer@aol.com.

**PRAYER OF HEART & BODY**

“Prayer of Heart and Body” is an on-going class that explores “body prayer” from a Christian perspective. The class uses yoga, movement, and meditation as tools for deepening prayer life. Class meets weekly on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:15 p.m. at the Parish Center. For questions, contact Amy Russell, 917-545-4307 or e-mail [amy russell2@hotmail.com](mailto:amy russell2@hotmail.com).

**PAULIST FATHERS**

**LAKE GEORGE**

As we have every year the Paulist Fathers open our summer home, St. Mary’s on the Lake on Lake George, every June and July for a series of retreats and workshops. This summer we have a marvelous slate of programs I’d like you to consider.

We also invite you to consider spending a few days for a private retreat anytime during June and July. Follow the link below for detailed information and to register. Thanks! Frank Sabatte, CSP. Summer Retreat Coordinator. [www.stmaryslakegeorge.com](http://www.stmaryslakegeorge.com).

**Readings for the Week of April 4, 2010**

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35  
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

**PARISH SUPPORT**  
Stewardship Information

Thank you for your generosity.

<u>Receipts:</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Sunday, March 28	\$15,501	\$11,224

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER(S):(home) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ and/or ork) \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**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

## Carta del Pastor

Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo Resucitado –

El Papa Benedicto nos recuerda que: *“El cirio bautismal es el símbolo de la iluminación que recibimos en el Bautismo. Así, en esta hora, también san Pablo nos habla muy directamente. En la Carta a los Filipenses, dice que, en medio de una generación tortuosa y convulsa, los cristianos han de brillar como lumbreras del mundo (cf. 2,15). Pidamos al Señor que la llamita de la vela, que Él ha encendido en nosotros, la delicada luz de su palabra y su amor, no se apague entre las confusiones de estos tiempos, sino que sea cada vez más grande y luminosa, con el fin de que seamos con Él personas amanecidas, astros para nuestro tiempo.”*

Y la Iglesia, nosotros nos encontremos; *“Por un lado, se encuentra en el éxodo, en medio del Mar Rojo. En un mar que, paradójicamente, es a la vez hielo y fuego. Y ¿no debe quizás la Iglesia, por decirlo así, caminar siempre sobre el mar, a través del fuego y del frío? Considerándolo humanamente, debería hundirse. Pero mientras aún camina por este Mar Rojo, canta, entona el canto de alabanza de los justos: el canto de Moisés y del Cordero, en el cual se armonizan la Antigua y la Nueva Alianza. Mientras que a fin de cuentas debería hundirse, la Iglesia entona el canto de acción de gracias de los salvados. Está sobre las aguas de muerte de la historia y, no obstante, ya ha resucitado. Cantando, se agarra a la mano del Señor, que la mantiene sobre las aguas. Y sabe que, con eso, está sujeta, fuera del alcance de la fuerza de gravedad de la muerte y del mal —una fuerza de la cual, de otro modo, no podría escapar—, sostenida y atraída por la nueva fuerza de gravedad de Dios, de la verdad y del amor. Por el momento, la Iglesia y todos nosotros nos encontramos entre los dos campos de gravitación. Pero desde que Cristo ha resucitado, la gravitación del amor es más fuerte que la del odio; la fuerza de gravedad de la vida es más fuerte que la de la muerte. ¿Acaso no es ésta realmente la situación de la Iglesia de todos los tiempos, nuestra propia situación? Siempre se tiene la impresión de que ha de hundirse, y siempre está ya salvada. San Pablo ha descrito así esta situación: «Somos... los moribundos que están bien vivos» (2 Co 6,9). La mano salvadora del Señor nos sujeta, y así podemos cantar ya ahora el canto de los salvados, el canto nuevo de los resucitados: ¡aleluya!*

¡Que Dios les bendiga con la Nueva Luz y la canto nuevo de la Resurrección! **¡FELIZ PASCUA!** Padre Gil



LA CAMPAÑA ARQUIDIOCESANA  
DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

2010

Gracias por sus contribuciones a la Campaña Anual por los ministerios de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York. Hasta la fecha, nuestra parroquia ha recibido 125 compromisos y donaciones de \$30,928.00. Hemos pasado el punto medio de nuestra meta de \$57,000.00. ¡Gracias! Si todavía no han participado en la Campaña, por favor hagan su compromiso pronto. Muchas Gracias por su participación en este importante apoyo por el ministerio de la Iglesia. –

Padre Gil

### Lecturas para la semana del 4 de abril de 2010

Domingo: Hch 10, 34. 37-43/Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Cor 5, 6-8/Jn 20, 1-9 o Lc 24, 1-12  
Lunes: Hch 2, 14. 22-33/Mt 28, 8-15  
Martes: Hch 2, 36-41/Jn 20, 11-18  
Miércoles: Hch 3, 1-10/Lc 24, 13-35  
Jueves: Hch 3, 11-26/Lc 24, 35-48  
Viernes: Hch 4, 1-12/Jn 21, 1-14  
Sábado: Hch 4, 13-21/Mc 16, 9-15  
Domingo siguiente: Hch 5, 12-16/Ap 1, 9-11. 12-13. 17-19/Jn 20, 19-31

### PROVIDENCIA

El Comité de la Providencia va a tener un bazaar 1 mayo, 2010, 9 am to 5:30 pm. Necesitamos donaciones. Se pueden traer las donaciones a la rectoría a nombre del comité de la Providencia. Para información llamar a Margarita 212-765-9832 or Rosa Cruz 212-245-8321.



**Saturday, April 3**

**Holy Saturday**

7:30 †Frances A. Pouzar

**Sunday, April 4**

**Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00 For the people

10:00 Thanksgiving for Blessings

12:30 †Rvai Flores

5:15 †George Martinez

**Monday, April 5**

12:10 †Emily Demartino

**Tuesday, April 6**

7:30 †Maria Del Carmen Seara

12:10 †Maria Luigia Lofaro

**Wednesday, April 7**

7:30 † Maria Del Carmen Seara

12:10 †Beverly Facey

**Thursday April 8**

7:30 † Maria Del Carmen Seara

12:10 † Maria Luigia Lofaro

**Friday, April 9**

7:30 †Richard W. Sperflage

12:10 †Joesph Schwartmeyer

**Saturday, April 10**

8:30 †Carroll Thomas

5:15 †Antonio Uva

Please remember in prayer the following Paulist Fathers, the anniversary (day/year) of whose death is this week (\*denotes served at St. Paul's): Francis A. Baker\* (4/4/1865), Alfred Young\* (4/4/1900), William P. McDonald\* (4/4/1959), and Henry P. Fisher (4/4/1967), Harold J. Foye (4/4/2006), Algernon A. Brown\* (4/8/1878), Edward J. Gleason\* (4/8/1986), Robert E. Moran (4/8/2006), George F. Helmich (4/9/2009).

**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, Mary Kovack, Francisco Gerdy, Carrie Bullock, Marie Starr, Tracy Manning, Jenny Young, Raymond Lopez, Peter O'Rourke, Joan Gonzalez, Fr. Lawrence Boadt, CSP

**Did You Know?...Ask Fr. Ron**

“Most Reverend Father, I bring you a message of great joy, the message of Alleluia.” With these traditional words of greeting to the Bishop at the Easter Vigil, the joyful word Alleluia is solemnly reintroduced into the liturgy after its annual Lenten absence. On this “Solemnity of Solemnities,” the Church proclaims to the world the great joy of Christ’s triumph over sin and death and the hope this holds out for all of us to share in his new and gloriously risen life. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Throughout the Easter season, the Paschal Candle, symbol of the Risen Christ, stands in its place of honor in the sanctuary. Also prominently displayed in our church throughout the Easter season is the Cross – the same Cross the congregation venerated on Good Friday – now standing triumphantly as a symbol of Christ’s victory. At the other end of the church (in the place occupied by the Nativity scene during the Christmas season) is the icon of the resurrection. This icon portrays the Risen Christ standing over the broken gates of hell, lifting up Adam and Eve from their coffins – while, on one side, Moses, Isaiah and Elijah, and, on the other, the Old Testament kings and John the Baptist look on.

All these visual elements underscore the ultimate and special significance of the resurrection, which St. Augustine called “God’s supreme and wholly marvelous work.” The tradition of portraying the Risen Christ as leading Adam and Eve up out of their tomb highlights what the British Anglican Bishop and scripture scholar N. T. Wright has called Christ’s “incorporative Messiahship” –that the resurrection is not just about Jesus but is about all of us. The resurrection means, moreover, that despite the apparently invincible power of death in our world, God is actually in charge and death does not have the final word in our world.

**Confirmation 2010**

Next weekend, Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:15 p.m., we welcome His Excellency, Bishop Dennis Sullivan, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New York. Bishop Sullivan will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon the young people of our parish and those who have been preparing for the sacrament in our Adult Confirmation program.