

# CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

## Parish Address

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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 Sisters and Brothers in Christ –

As we prepare to celebrate our National Day of Thanksgiving, I want to offer a word of gratitude for your support of the Franciscan Sisters' Food and Clothing Drive. The work of the Sisters in East Harlem helps those in need not only with food and clothing, but with kind words and a prayer.

There are many opportunities to share during this Thanksgiving and coming Christmas season. This week we begin our annual drive to buy 500 sweatshirts for the clients of the Saint Luke-Roosevelt HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Care Center. From a generous vendor we are able to purchase each sweatshirt for \$5 – what a bargain! Just drop \$5 in one of the envelopes that you may find in the pews or in the Welcome Center Bookstore. We plan to wrap each of the sweatshirts at two different times: 1. As part of the Advent Retreat at Oak Ridge on December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>; 2. On Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> before the 5:15 PM Mass at 4:00 PM in the Parish Center. Please help in any way that you can! The Christmas Party for the clients of the Care Center is on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Also, the Giving Tree will be up next weekend, which is the first Sunday of Advent. It's a wonderful opportunity to help people from the different agencies that we partner with during Christmas. Simply take a gift tag from the Giving Tree, purchase that item and return to the Parish Center.

I give thanks to God for your generosity and offer my prayers for a blessed Thanksgiving for you, your friends, and family. Here's the prayer from the Book of Blessings for your Thanksgiving table:

God most provident, we join all creation in raising a hymn of thanksgiving through Jesus Christ, your Son. For generation upon generation peoples of this land have sung of your bounty; we too offer you praise for the many gifts we have received at your hands. Bless us and this food which we share with grateful hearts. Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for you be seen in our pursuit of peace and justice and in our generous response to those in need. Praise and glory to you, Lord God, now and for ever!

Happy Thanksgiving! Father Gil

## EVENTS AT SAINT PAUL

### Great Catholic Fiction Series

*Death Comes for the Archbishop* written by Willa Cather.

The novel traces the friendship and adventures of Bishop

Jean Latour and Vicar Father Joseph Vaillant as they organize the new Roman Catholic diocese of New Mexico.

**Monday – November 23<sup>rd</sup> 7 PM – 9 PM**

### Thanksgiving Day

Mass of Thanksgiving

**Thursday – November 26<sup>th</sup> - 11 AM**

### Winter's Eve

Treats, Christmas Carol Sing-Along, Meet St. Nicholas, Concert

**Monday – November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Tree light – 5:30 PM**

**Church Program begins 6 PM**

### Year for Priests Holy Hour

Mass, Vespers, Benediction with Fr. John Piderit, SJ followed by a simple meal & discussion of his vocation story

**Thursday – December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7PM**

### Advent Retreat with Father Hecker

Come to an Advent "Isaac Hecker Mini-Retreat" at the beautiful Mount Paul, New Jersey, just 50 miles from Manhattan. Hear more & discuss Hecker's Christmas message for the modern age.

**Saturday – December 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

### Fordham University

#### Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sacred Music performed by combined University Choirs.

**Saturday – December 5<sup>th</sup> - 8 PM (Free)**

### Christmas Gift Wrapping - St. Luke's HIV/AIDS Center

Help gift wrap sweatshirts for clients of the Comprehensive Care Center

**Sunday – December 6<sup>th</sup> - 3PM – 5PM**

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Masses 7:30AM, 12:10, 5:30, 7PM

**Tuesday – December 8<sup>th</sup>**

## Ministry Activities

### Why Become Catholic?

People decide to become Catholics because they think they will find in the Catholic Church something they are looking for. During the ceremony welcoming them into our adult initiation program, we ask them to tell us what that is. Here are the answers some of them gave during the ceremony we celebrated on Nov. 8.

*I ask the church for support and guidance as I work to strengthen my faith and bond with God. In doing so, I would like to enrich my life with meaningful experiences by giving back to the community and support those in need.*

Jacqueline King

*I want to be a Catholic to join and fully partake in the church's rich history, scripture, and ritual traditions. I have been a regular attendee at Catholic Mass for the last seven years, but I am doing it now because everything that I had thought a Christian community should be (which is faith, charity and love), was realized when I came to St. Paul's. This, along with my close relationships here with the parishioners, has motivated me to take this step.*

Daniel Larsen

Robert C. Collins, S.J.  
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### FALL IN FAITH 2009

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

We are the *Apostolist* — young adults in their 20's and 30's of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle. Go to [www.apostolist.com](http://www.apostolist.com) where you can browse event listings. Join us every Sunday evening **after the 5:15 Young Adult Mass** for fellowship and refreshments.

#### 12/6: Giving the Word a Voice

Fr. Dave Dwyer, CSP, Director of Busted Halo, the Paulists' national outreach to young adults, will talk about bridging the divide between popular culture and the Gospel message.

#### 12/13: We Are One body

A Paulist priest on Christian healing in a divided world.

### HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Come join us in the Parish Center every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. for a time of spirited prayer. There will be singing and prayers of praise followed by a time of reflection and thanksgiving. We also pray with you for your special intentions. For more information call (212)265-3495x337

### THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

Please come and join us for prayer on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center in Room 203. We pray for all intentions given to us during the week. If you would like us to pray for you, please put your intentions in the "Book of Prayer Intentions" in front of the large crucifix in the north aisle of the church.

### THE ROAD HOME

Meets every Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center room 204. We are a group who shares our ever growing awareness of Christ's "Real Presence" in our daily lives since our "Landings" experience. Please join us for prayer, a great discussion and a snack. For more information (917)807-8595.

### CHRISTIAN CONTEMPLATION

Join us for an evening of meditation and chant with our Practical Meditation group.

Come pray with us through the ancient silent method, as practiced by the Desert Fathers of the church, Centering prayer.

Wednesday

December 2, 2009

6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Parish Center

Please sign up at [Meditativeprayer@aol.com](mailto:Meditativeprayer@aol.com)

*Prayers will be every other week; and there is no charge.*

### 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).

#### Readings for the Week of November 22, 2009

Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**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 en Cristo –

¡Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias!

El *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* define lo que es la oración de acción de gracias: "... caracteriza la oración de la Iglesia que, al celebrar la Eucaristía, manifiesta y se convierte cada vez más en lo que ella es. En efecto, en la obra de salvación, Cristo libera a la creación del pecado y de la muerte para consagrarla de nuevo y devolverla al Padre, para su gloria" (2637).

Sin duda, todos tenemos algo por lo que queremos mostrarnos agradecidos. Cada día reconocemos al Dios providente que nos ha dado todo lo que es bueno. De nuestras vidas emergen imágenes de gratitud. ¡Demos buen ejemplo ante nuestras familias y amigos: proclamemos las maravillas que Dios ha hecho por nosotros! Recordemos los favores del Señor, sus obras gloriosas, su bondad y misericordia. ¡Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias!

PAZ – Padre Gil

**Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

El Comité Guadalupano tiene el honor de invitar a todos para Celebraciones Guadalupanas:

**Viernes – 11 de Diciembre**

A las 7:30 PM. comenzará con el Santo Rosario. A las 8PM, habrá La Misa de Guadalupe cantado con el Mariachi Angeles de Puebla y con un convivio después de la misa.

Después del convivio habrá una Hora Santa a las 10PM con el Santísimo y luego una Serenata de las Mañanitas a la Virgen a las 11PM.

**Misa de Acción de Gracias**

Ven a dar gracias al Señor en este día:

*“Ahora bendigan al Dios del universe, que por todas partes hace grandes cosas, que ha hecho célebre nuestra historia desde nuestros orígenes y nos ha tratado de acuerdo a su misericordia.” (Ecles 50:22)*

Jueves, 26 de Noviembre a las 11:00 AM. Todos están invitados.

**EL CÍRCULO DE ORACIÓN**



El Círculo de Oración se reúne todos los viernes a las siete. Se reúne en el Centro Parroquial – todos son bienvenidos

**Lecturas para la semana del 22 de noviembre de 2009**

Domingo:	Dn 7, 13-14/Ap 1, 5-8/Jn 18, 33-37
Lunes:	Dn 1, 1-6. 8-20/Lc 21, 1-4
Martes:	Dn 2, 31-45/Lc 21, 5-11
Miércoles:	Dn 5, 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28/Lc 21, 12-19
Jueves:	Dn 6, 12-28/Lc 21, 20-28
Viernes:	Dn 7, 2-14/Lc 21, 29-33
Sábado:	Dn 7, 15-27/Lc 21, 34-36
Domingo siguiente:	Jr 33, 14-16/1 Tes 3, 12---4, 2/Lc 21, 25-28. 34-36





**Saturday, November 21**

**Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 Robert Foreza

5:15 Sainthood Cause of Pierre Toussaint

**Sunday, November 22**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

8:00 †George E. Rubiano

10:00 †Carmen Acosta

12:30 For The People

5:15 Sainthood Cause of Fr. Hecker

**Monday, November 23**

**SS. Clement I, Columban,**

**Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro**

7:30 Thanksgiving for the Pontejo's Family

12:10 †Luisa Lofaro

**Tuesday, November 24**

**St. Andrew Dung-lac, priest & martyr,  
and his companions**

7:30 †Luisa Lofaro

12:10 †Dolores Sheilsmooney

**Wednesday, November 25**

**St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr**

7:30 †Roben Egidio Loayza

12:10 †Rosetta Higgons Gochis

**Thursday, November 26**

**Thanksgiving Day**

11:00 Ellen D. Houck

**Friday, November 27**

12:10 †Luisa Lofaro

**Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 †Philip & Rose Dondiego

5:15 Katarina Asaohn (Happy Birthday)

**Pray for Our Sick**

Michele Blanco, Jack Cacomanolis, Jose & Clemencia Garcia, Teresa Guevara, Isabel Iondoño, Carmela Masone, Lina Melendez, Liza Ann Montero, Yadviga Nitkiewicz, 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, Jaime Vializ, Marie Starr, Tracy Manning.

Please remember in prayer the following Paulist Fathers, the anniversary (day/year) of whose death is this week (\*denotes served at St. Paul's): Robert J. Murphy (11/23/1979), Richard Russell Ryan (11/25/1995).

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

A casual stroll around the neighborhood is all it takes to make one aware that the "Holiday Season" is upon once again. Once upon a time, that season really began with Thanksgiving Day. Santa Claus still "arrives" at the end of the Thanksgiving Day parade, but the season is already been in full swing, and Thanksgiving itself has become a brief but welcome pause in the increasingly hectic pace of the season.

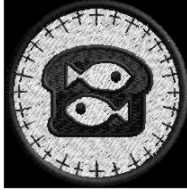
Thanksgiving/harvest festivals are quite common around the world, but the American Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, a ritual reenactment of our origin as a people. It is a civic celebration of who we are, by remembering who we have been, and so is also a symbol of who we hope to be.

Few of us are descended for the original Pilgrims. Most of us are either immigrants or descendants of relatively recent immigrants. I, for one, owe my American citizenship to the great wave of immigration from Sicily and southern Italy that inundated New York some three centuries after the Pilgrims. Each immigrant group has added something significant and distinctive to our country's cultural mix. Yet it was surely those hardy New Englanders who first gave our nation its soul, which is what we celebrate at Thanksgiving - in that most Christian of ways, by giving thanks through the sharing of a meal.

Most of us live lives of quiet caution. It is hard even to imagine what it was like to embark upon so impressive and hazardous an enterprise as did the Pilgrims (although the more recent memories of immigrant relatives and the ever-present witness of immigrants in our own parish community should help us to appreciate the awesomeness of the experience). Certainly, something so vast and mysterious as the New World was bound to arouse all sorts of complex emotions among the settlers - both their brightest hopes and their darkest fears. Interpreted in the light of faith, the unknown of the ocean crossing became something known, as they recalled God's Chosen People's crossing the Red Sea and the Jordan River. As good Calvinists, those early immigrants to New England recognized the religious and political community as a creative force, part of what went into the development of a good human life. In the great ongoing struggle between virtue and narcissism for the soul of America, the pilgrims' legacy recalls an almost forgotten concept of community - not as an abstract principle but as an experience of friendship and affection. The pilgrims knew only too well what we as a nation forget only at our peril, that what is worth hoping for in our individual and collective lives as citizens requires real community and a kind of feeling for one another akin to that found among people who are friends. Thanksgiving Day reminds us that we are all ultimately dependent on one another and on God.

## Sharing & Caring...

Volunteering at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle.



**LOAVES AND FISHES**

**This is a right time to give thanks!**

**Thanks to all the volunteers at St. Paul the Apostle.  
Thanks to the corporations that have helped serve in  
the Kitchen -**

O.S.I., BBDO, Yellow Brick Road, & Ford Motor Company.

**Thanks to our Caterers that donate meals to the  
soup kitchen -**

Margaritte Murphy's, Pasta Lovers, Giorgio's of Gramercy & Cowgirl Catering

**Thanks for the generous donations** of Ferrara's, Whole Food Markets, and Dunkin Donuts, And to all the anonymous donors!

**It is also the right time to Volunteer and to Give**

Donate a Sweatshirt for just \$5.00, for St. Luke's Roosevelt HIV/ Aids Comprehensive Care, we need 500 donations!

Don't forget the food pantry - for non-perishable food to Saint Vincent De Paul at the Parish Center.

Buy a Pot of Soup for Loaves and Fishes \$30.

Drop your donations off at the bookstore & welcome center.

**God Bless you, and thank you for sharing all of your abundance!**

## ARTS AND ARTIST SONGBOOK

Songs of Jordan Mann and Jeff Thomson at Lincoln Center Bruno Walter Auditorium (111 Amsterdam Ave.- just south of 65<sup>th</sup> Street). As a songwriting team, Jeff and Jordan received a 2008 Jonathan Larson Performing Arts Foundation Grant, and were 2006-7 Dramatist Guild Musical Theatre Writing Fellows. This concert is Produced, Directed, and Hosted by John Znidarsic. It's on Monday, Nov. 30 at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free .



## ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE BOOK & GIFT SHOP

Books Now Available at the Bookstore –

**The Heavens Proclaim: Astronomy and the Vatican** by Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, Vatican Observatory.

**Death comes For the Archbishop** by Willa Cather. This book discussion will be on Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving cards, so much to be grateful for!

Bookstore/WelcomeCenter hours

Sunday 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

(212)315-0918

Sign up for event on line at

[www.welcomecenteratstpaultheapostle.org](http://www.welcomecenteratstpaultheapostle.org).

*We appreciate your support!*

## PARISH SUPPORT

### Stewardship Information

Thank you for your generosity.

<u>Receipts:</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Sunday, Nov. 15	\$10,499	\$12,030

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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