

**FROM 59TH AND 9TH:
THE PASTORAL CORNER**

Dear Friends in Christ –

The economic downturn continues to worsen and many parishioners have expressed concern for others and for their own economic well being. Be assured of our constant prayers for one another.

So many parishioners come from throughout the neighborhood and from throughout the city. Some visit occasionally as they are in the vicinity for a Lincoln Center event. Others come as often as they are able due to frequent personal or business travels or demanding work schedules. So many of our parishioners give generously of their time in our soup kitchen, homeless shelter, liturgical ministry, volunteer office assistant, or with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society home visit and food pantry programs. We are so grateful for your participation and for all those who support these programs with their financial resources and with their prayers.

There is so much activity in addition to our times of prayer together that it is difficult to get a wider sense of all the programs at Saint Paul's. On the weekend of February 15th, all are invited to Parish Community Gatherings for an overview of the parish.

A presentation including a financial report, building report, and a ministry report will be offered along with a time for a Q & A session. You will have the opportunity to meet other parishioners whom you may have seen rather frequently but have not had the opportunity to greet more personally. There will be a presentation after each mass with light refreshments.

Please plan on attending one of the sessions after one of the masses on the weekend of February 15th.

Peace be with you –
Fr. Gil

At St. Paul the Apostle

EVENTS AT SAINT PAUL'S

**Feast of Presentation of the Lord
Candlelight Mass**

Blessing of Candles
Monday, February 2nd, 7 PM

**Feast of Saint Blase
Blessing of the Throats**

Tuesday, February 3rd
Daily Masses
7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM

Banquet for the Homeless

Sunday, February 8th – 11:30 AM
Sign up in Welcome Center Bookstore

An Evening with Paul

For Gay & Lesbian Catholics
Thursday, February 12th, 7 – 9 PM
RSVP to contact@stpaultheapostle.org

Parish Community Gatherings
Saturday – Sunday, February 14th- 15th
After Weekend Masses

**Learn to Dance Salsa
Parish Mardi Gras Event**
Saturday, February 21st – 7 PM

**Meet the Author
Christopher Jamison, Benedictine Abbot**

*“Finding Happiness: Monastic Steps
To a Fulfilling Life”*
Tuesday, February 24th – 7 PM
Sign up in Welcome Center Bookstore

Ash Wednesday
The Beginning of Lent
Masses 6:30 AM, 7:30 AM,
12:10 AM, 5:30 PM, 7 PM

A MESSAGE FROM ANNE HOLLAND

Times are changing to be certain. So it is for me as well. I have decided the time has come for me to bring my long, enriching experience as Director of Music Ministries at St. Paul the Apostle parish to an end. What an honor and a privilege it has been for me to serve as your minister in musical prayer! On February 8, Sunday at the 10 AM mass, I will lead The St. Paul Singers and our congregation for a final time in sung prayer at liturgy.

There are so many experiences and memories I will carry with me too numerous to name. I'd like to thank the Paulist Fathers I have served with on staff through the years and those I have come to know in other venues. Thank you to the parishioners who I have bonded with so deeply. Thank you to the amazing singers and musicians and my organist, John Kubinieć, with whom I have had the wonderful privilege to work. To The St. Paul Singers, no words could express the place you hold in my heart, thank you for your endless hours of volunteering and sharing of your talents. No one turns music into prayer better than you. And to my present cantoring staff, Michael Beltran, Kristi Kelly and Nancy Meyer, you have created again and again endless moments of musical transcendence; it has been a joy and an honor, I am a better musician and minister because of you.

May the Spirit keep alive all the love and music we have shared. Until we meet again, God bless.

- Anne Holland, Director of Music Ministries

ST PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP

Calling all 7th thru 12th graders join us this Thursday night from 7:00 to 8:30pm for St Paul's Youth Group. We will meet in the parish center room 101 for fun, food and conversation. New members are always welcome. Hope to see you there!

HELP WANTED PART/FULL TIME:

CHURCH magazine, the award-winning quarterly journal for Catholic pastoral leaders, is seeking a part-time production editor/graphic designer proficient in Quark and able to work with Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. Days/hours flexible but must be willing to meet deadlines. Full-time position a possibility with addition of other roles and responsibilities. Manhattan office. Knowledge of Catholic terminology and sensibilities helpful. E-mail resume to church@nplc.org.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

The Seniors & Retirees Group is proud to present the 3rd Annual Black History Month Program. Join us as we pay tribute to American Black Catholics: February 2: Mother Henriette Delille, SSF, Mother Elizabeth Lange, OSP, Mother Theodore Williams, FHM; February 9: Fr. Augustus Tolton, FHM, Bishop Emerson Moore, DD; February 23: Bishop James Healy, Fr. Patrick Healy, SJ; March 2: Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA. Mondays in the Parish Center from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP at (212) 265-3495, ext. 0

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The next schedule is being prepared. If you have not returned the Ministry Update Form or otherwise responded please do so by February 2nd. Thank you.

SHARING & CARING...

*A New Year,
A new Way to make the World a Better Place
for Someone in Need*

The Winter Banquet

The next Homeless Banquet will be February 8. At our last banquet we served 400 meals. Come share in this wonderful ministry of caring. It's an experience to share with your teenager. If you would like to be a volunteer please sign up in the Welcome Center.

Reaching Out to the Homebound

As members of a community we need contact with each other. We worship together every Sunday, but there are those who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness or immobility. If you know of anyone who is sick or homebound please call the Parish Center and let us know. Please leave a message for Deacon Wally Sandoval (212-265-3495 ext. 337). If someone you see at Mass every week hasn't been here, tell one of the priests or a member of the parish staff. It's important that we keep in touch with parishioners who are cut off from us. You can help by keeping us informed. Thanks for your care and concern. God Bless. - Fr Gil

Soup's On! Loaves and Fish is serving lunch every Tuesday.

We are looking for people to help serve. We need four volunteers a week for a two hour lunch, work from 11:00 – 1:00. Bring a group of co-workers, or friends, or we will match you with a group. It's a wonderful ministry of hospitality. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or contact us at welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org. Get to meet someone new.

Donate a pot of Soup for \$30 to feed 20 people!

If you can't share your talents by serving at the soup kitchen, maybe you could share your abundance by donating enough to make a pot of soup. Our group of guests coming for lunch is growing each week by about 15%. We are now serving about 60 people a week. Our guests are truly appreciative for this lunch. We serve good food with hospitality and dignity. Just think if you and a friend gave up going out for lunch once a week, you could feed 20 people. You can drop off your donation in the Welcome Center or mark your check with pot of soup in the memo and send it to Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Loaves and Fish Soup kitchen, 405 West 59th Street, New York, New York, 10019

Saint Vincent De Paul Society Pantry

Remember that every third week of the month, the Saint Vincent De Paul Society has an open pantry for the families they sponsor. The families are invited to come to pick up food that they need to make it through the balance of the month. In these uncertain times the need is growing. Don't forget to donate either canned or other non-perishable food items, diapers (all sizes) or a check made out to the Saint Vincent De Paul Society. We are unable to handle gifts of used clothing at this time. **For all in need please pray, that their needs will be met. Thank you for your kindness.**

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Home Visits

Our conference of the St. Vincent De Paul Society is putting together a team that will be making home visits to our pantry families and to our parishioners who are homebound and need assistance. If you can give 2-3 hours one weekend a month to help in this parish outreach please contact Deacon Wally (212-265-3495 ext. 337) or come to the next meeting of the St. Paul Conference on Thursday, February 5, at 7pm in the Parish Center.

CANDLELIGHT MASS

The traditional end of the Christmas season is 40 days after Christmas Day on the Feast of Candlemas – the Feast of Christ our Light. Candles are blessed on that day for use throughout the year. In Latin American countries, this is also the day to “lift up” the baby Jesus from home nativity scenes and bring the baby to the church for blessing. As a sign of Christ our Light in our parish and in our world, we will be celebrating a *Candlelight Mass on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Monday - February 2, 2009 at 7 p.m.* at which we will distribute candles for use during prayer and we will lift Baby Jesus out of the Nativity scene. (Please bring your own candles and the Baby Jesus from your own nativity scene for blessing.) All are welcome!

ADULT CONFIRMATION:

The Most Rev. Dennis Sullivan, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul the Apostle Church, on Sunday, May 10, at 5:15 p.m. Adult Catholics, who have received their First Holy Communion, but who have not been confirmed, are invited to participate in a program of preparation on Tuesday evenings (7:30-8:30 p.m.), beginning February 3, 2009. Please register in advance at the St. Paul the Apostle Bookstore/Welcome Center. The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, which will be the text for the course may also be purchased in the Bookstore.

PRAYER OF HEART AND BODY MEDITATION AND YOGA FOR CHRISTIANS

The winter series of Prayer of Heart and Body will be held Tuesday, February 3 – March 10. Each class session meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the St. Paul the Apostle Parish Center. The fee is \$60. (50% discount for students with ID). Payment will take place on the first class night between 6 p.m. and 6:25 p.m. and may be made in two segments (first one at the beginning, second one at the halfway point). Proceeds go to support the parish's charitable works. The course instructor will be Amy Russell. Wear light comfortable clothing (no jeans). Registration with the parish receptionist at 212-265-3495 is necessary.

FR. TOM RYAN CSP OFFERING 2 WORKSHOPS IN NYC

Two independent, three-hour sessions at the NY Open Center, 83 Spring Street (between Broadway and Lafayette): Saturday, February 7th, 10:00am to 1:00pm: Prayer of Heart and Body; 2:30pm to 5:30pm: Practicing the Presence of God - a mini-retreat for busy people. By special arrangement, members of our parish are offered a 25% discount, so identify yourself as a parishioner when registering. For more information or to register: 212-219-2527 or www.opencenter.org.

PRAYER GROUPS

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary now meets every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center, room 204.

ROSARY GROUP

Our Rosary Group prays the rosary together after most weekday 12:30 PM Masses and before 5:30 PM Masses. You are invited to join them, meditating on the saving mysteries of Christ and praying with Mary, especially for world peace.

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. We are currently listening to Pope Benedict's book "Jesus of Nazareth" on CD please join us for prayer, a great discussion and a snack. For more information call (917) 807- 8595.

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” at the side altar with the large cross.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Come join us in the Parish Center every Monday evening at 7pm 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) 265-3495 x 337.



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: _____

DIRECTIVA PASTORAL

Padre Gilbert S. Martinez, CSP, Parroco
Padre Jamie Baca, CSP
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

Estimado Amigos en Cristo –

Cuándo Jesús entró en Cafarnaún con sus discípulos, comenzó a predicar una doctrina nueva y a aliviar el sufrimiento humano. Jesús predicaba un evangelio de conversión interior. Daba ejemplo de humildad y sencillez, misericordia y benevolencia, de amor generoso y sin límites. Al mismo tiempo, curaba enfermos y aliviaba las fatigas. Hoy, todo hombre y mujer, como buenos cristianos, nos esforzamos por seguir ese ejemplo.

Por eso, les invito a participar en una Reunión de la Parroquia después de la misa de 12:30 PM – nos vamos a reunir en el amor de cristianos para repasar y compartir de la situación de nuestra parroquia. Presentaré información sobre las finanzas, ministerios, y del edificio de nuestra iglesia.

Les pido su presencia en dos semanas inmediatamente después de la misa.

La paz del Señor este siempre con uds. – Padre Gil

LA LEGIÓN DE MARÍA

La Legión de María se reúne cada sábado a las 10:00 a.m. en el Centro parroquial, cuarto 204.

VISITAS A LOS HOGARES

Nuestra conferencia de la Sociedad de San Vincente esta iniciando visitas a los hogares de las familias que vienen a la dispensa o piden otra ayuda de nuestra comunidad. Las visitas son una parte muy importante de nuestros esfuerzos para llevar el evangelio al mundo de una forma viva y efectiva. Estamos necesitados de personas bilingües que puedan asistir haciendo citas por telefono y formando parte del equipo que va hacer las visitas. Favor de comunicarse con el Diacono Sandoval al 212-265-3495 x 337 para participar en este encuentro con Cristo.

**LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA DEL
1 DE FEBRERO DE 2009**

Domingo: Dt 18, 15-20/1 Cor 7, 32-35/Mc 1, 21-28
Lunes: Mal 3, 1-4/Heb 2, 14-18/Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22-32
Martes: Heb 12, 1-4/Mc 5, 21-43
Miércoles: Heb 12, 4-7. 11-15/Mc 6, 1-6
Jueves: Heb 12, 18-19. 21-24/Mc 6, 7-13
Viernes: Heb 13, 1-8/Mc 6, 14-29
Sábado: Heb 13, 15-17. 20-21/Mc 6, 30-34
Domingo siguiente: Job 7, 1-4. 6-7/1 Cor 9, 16-19.
22-23/Mc 1, 29-39

EVENTOS DE SAN PABLO

Presentación del Señor

Bendición de Velas y el Niño Jesús
Lunes, 2 de Febrero – 7 PM

San Blas

Bendición de las Gargantas
En las Misas Feriales
7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM
Martes, 3 de Febrero

Banquete por los Desamparados

Domingo, 8 de Febrero – 11:30 AM
Regístranse en el Bookstore

Reunión de la Parroquia

Domingo, 15 de Febrero
Después de la Misa de 12:30 PM

Evento de Mardi Gras

Aprende Bailar la Salsa
Sábado, 21 de Febrero – 7 PM
Toda la familia está bienvenida

Miércoles de Ceniza

25 de Febrero
*Misas 6:30 AM, 7:30 AM,
12:10 AM, 5:30 PM, 7 PM*
29 de Octubre – 7 PM

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

**Please pray for the sick
of our parish family and community.**

Michele Blanco, Jose & Clemencia Garcia, Teresa Guevara,
Leon Goldstein, Carmela Masone, Lina Melendez,
Liza Ann Montero, Yawdiga Nitkiewicz, Melba Ortiz,
Juan C. Ospina, Ruth Ospina, Kathleen Ryan, Rafael Salinas,
Natan Sheyer, Leslie Smith, Abe Steingart.

PARISH STAFF

The Church of St. Paul the Apostle The Paulists

We give the Word of God a voice in pulpits and print, on radio and television, on the web and the wide screen. We search out those who have no church home, and welcome home those who have been away. We share the passion of Paul for unity in faith and solidarity in mission among all the baptized in the body of Christ. We build bridges of respect and collaboration with people of other world religions. We welcome people of diverse racial and cultural backgrounds in our parish, city center, and campus worshipping communities. The gospel we preach demands that all the children of God be treated with dignity and justice. We claim Servant of God, Isaac Hecker as our founder, the Holy Spirit as our primary guide, St. Paul as our patron, and laity as our valued partners in mission. We are Paulists. Missionaries to North America.

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Rev. Ronald Franco, CSP	<i>Associate Pastor & Vice Postulator, Hecker Sainthood Cause Associate Pastor</i>
Rev. Jamie Baca, CSP	
Rev. Robert Collins, SJ	RCIA Director
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Mr. John Sorrentino	Associate Parish Business Manager
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Rev. Lionel DeSilva, CSP	Assistant Chaplain

PAULISTS MINISTRIES IN RESIDENCE

Parish House 415 West 59th Street New York, NY 10019

Paulist Young Adult Ministries

Busted Halo

Rev. David Dwyer, CSP

www.bustedhalo.org

Paulist Vocations Office

Rev. David Farnum, CSP

212-757-4260

Paulist Fathers

www.paulist.org

Paulist Outreach to Young Artists

Fr. Frank Sabatté, CSP

www.openingsny.com

PARISH SUPPORT

DONATE BY CREDIT CARD

You can charge your contribution to the Church of St. Paul the Apostle on your credit card on a recurrent basis, either each month or each quarter. Complete the form below and start your way toward the easiest way of contributing to your Parish. For more information call the Business Office at (212) 265-3495, ext. 330.

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Signature: _____

You can also make your donation safely and securely
online: visit www.stpaultheapostle.org and select
"Make A Donation".

WEEKLY GIVING

Thank you for your generosity to
St. Paul the Apostle Church!

Receipts:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Sunday, January 25	\$ 11,545	\$ 9,250
January Credit Cards	\$ 2,776	

GIVE THE GIFT OF SECURITIES

Would you like to assist St. Paul the Apostle Church in continuing its mission and receive a charitable income tax deduction? Please consider donating a gift of securities. Contact the Business Office at (212) 265-3495.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE BOOK & GIFT SHOP

SUPPORT THE PARISH

Saturday, January 31 *John Bosco, priest*

8:30 †Inorvia Saadée

5:15 **For the People of the Parish**

Sunday, February 1 *4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 Birthday Remembrances by the Paulist Fathers

10:00 Birthday Remembrances by the Paulist Fathers

12:30 Birthday Remembrances by the Paulist Fathers

5:15 Birthday Remembrances by the Paulist Fathers

8:00 Fordham Campus Ministry

Monday, February 2 *The Presentation of the Lord*

7:30

12:10 †Victor Rivera

5:30

Tuesday, February 3 *Blaise, bishop & martyr, Ansgar, bishop*

7:30

12:10 †John Grady

5:30

Wednesday, February 4

7:30

12:10

5:30

Thursday, February 5 *Agatha, virgin & martyr*

7:30

12:10

5:30 †Souls in Purgatory

Friday, February 6 *Paul Miki, martyr, & his companions, martyrs*

7:30

12:10 †Lucia Eroles

5:30

Saturday, February 7

8:30 †Mary Onacilla

5:15 †Pierre Toussaint, Sainthood Cause

Please remember in prayer the following Paulist Fathers, the anniversary (day/year) of whose death is this week (*denotes served at St. Paul's): Charles M. Casserly* (2/1/1931), James P. Towey* (2/1/1953), Hugh Swift (2/2/1919).

Readings for the Week of February 1, 2009

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

BACK IN STOCK! THE PRIESTS

A wonderful collection of well known hymns done by the popular group The Priests. This group of Irish priests has been on PBS and ETWN.

ST. PAUL FRAMEABLE PICTURE FROM THE ST. JOHN'S ILLUMINATED BIBLE

It's a copy of the picture presented to the Cardinal last weekend. This beautiful gelee print is priced at \$175.

GREAT CATHOLIC FICTION

Book Discussion Groups

February Book:

Father Brown, The Essential Tales

by

G.K. Chesteron

We have scheduled this for **February 10, 2009**. The book is in the store for 20% off to book discussion readers. The discussion for this book will be led by Father John (Jack) Collins, CSP. The specific stories that we will discuss are THE HAMMER OF GOD and THE THREE TOOLS OF DEATH included in this collection.

We sell **METROCARDS** for your convenience.

BOOK INVENTORY SALE

We have a selection of books that we need to move out of our inventory. Come browse our selection of specially priced books to expand your library. A special section of Children's books is included. The selection changes weekly.

STORE HOURS:

Monday - Friday.....10:00 am-5:30 pm
Saturday.....10:00 am-6:30 pm
Sunday.....8:30 am-8:00 pm

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