

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

Dear Friends –

Please join us next week for **Parish Community Meetings** after each mass. I would like to offer an overview of the 'state of the parish' – our ministries & activities, gifts & challenges, and our mission & life together in worship.

The word "parish" is derived from the Greek *paroikia*, which in the early Church meant a pilgrim people, whose real country and citizenry is in heaven. The sense of being a pilgrim people captures our purpose, which is never completed and rarely a solitary project. Our purpose is to come closer to God in every part of our life as pilgrims on this earth, in death, and in new life closer to God. We continue to "build" our parish on the faith of other pilgrims who founded our parish and who lived in our great city.

There are many challenges and opportunities in our parish just as there in the economic upheaval. I invite you as parishioners – pilgrims – into a conversation about how God may be leading us in this times.

Last weekend, we blessed our longtime Director of Music as she continues her pilgrimage as God calls her.

In the interim, until July 1, 2009, Mr. Cleveland Kersh will assume the duties of Interim Music Director. He will begin on Sunday, February 22nd. As Lent and Holy Week rapidly approach, we will be counting on Cleveland to help us continue to worship God as a pilgrim people seeking to be close to God.

I give thanks to God for the people of the Church of Saint Paul the Apostle and constantly pray, especially in this Year of Paul and in the pilgrimage church, "Saint Paul the Apostle, pray for us"!

Peace, Fr. Gil

At ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

EVENTS AT SAINT PAUL'S

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

Saint Vincent De Paul Society
Ozanam Orientation
Saturday, February 21st 9am

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
February 25, 2009
The Beginning of Lent
*Masses 6:30 AM, 7:30 AM,
12:10 PM, 5:30 PM, 7 PM*

The Church will be on a Holiday Schedule
Monday February 16, 2009 due to the President's Day Holiday. Therefore there will only be one mass at 12:10pm. The parish center will also be closed

A MESSAGE FROM MR. CLEVELAND KERSH

Dear friends in Christ,

What a great privilege it is for me to be your Interim Director of Music--I am thrilled to be at your service! I would like to thank the clergy and staff of St. Paul's, first of all, for being wonderfully welcoming to me in my first week here. I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous musical work of my predecessor Anne Holland. I am truly honored to carry on in the spirit of her ministry, particularly as we approach the Lenten and Easter seasons.

I am very blessed to have been involved in music ministry for much of my life: as a youngster in the Episcopal Church, I sang in the children's choir, accompanied the hymns on the trumpet, and began lessons with the church organist.

I attended Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, a school renowned for its training of church musicians and organists, and have worked in a number of different capacities as a musician since then.

More recently, I have decided to turn my professional attentions toward health and medicine; to that end, I am enrolled in pre-medical studies and am a certified health counselor.

I look forward to working with the marvelous choir and gifted organist and cantors here at St. Paul's, as well as getting to know many of you personally in the coming months. Together, may we all move into the next chapter of our musical life, through honoring our past and having a vision for our future.

In Christ,
Cleveland Kersh

A Note for Next Weekend

February 22, 2009

Dear friends in the Lord:

Last April, as the Archdiocese of New York concluded its Bicentennial Anniversary, we were honored to have the Successor of Saint Peter, Pope Benedict XVI, with us for three days of prayer and conversation.

It is during Papal Visits such as ours that the Holy Father comes to know more personally the world that he has been called to serve as Vicar of Christ. In doing so, the Holy Father receives countless appeals for assistance from our less fortunate brothers and sisters who are facing a variety of hardships, especially during these economically challenging times.

To respond to these requests, the Holy Father turns to us for support, and one of the ways we do so is through the annual Peter's Pence Collection, which is being taken up at next weekend's Masses. Permit me, therefore to encourage you to make a truly sacrificial gift to this year's collections. You will be cooperation with the Holy Father in accomplishing the work of the Lord.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, may I remain.

Very truly yours in Christ

Edward Cardinal Egan
Archbishop of New York



FR. RON'S BOOK CORNER

Lent has traditionally been a time for all sorts of special religious activities – among them spiritual reading. For Lent this year, I want to recommend three books in particular.

The Confessions of Saint Augustine

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430) is universally recognized as one of the spiritual and intellectual giants of Western Christianity. Begun in 397, some 10 years after his baptism, Augustine's *Confessions* tells the story of his intellectual and spiritual journey through the competing philosophical ideas and religious movements of the late Roman Empire to his return to the Catholic faith of his childhood, offering the story of his life as a persuasive illustration of God's grace in action. Set at a time in Roman history when other religious options were still viable as alternatives to Christianity, Augustine's autobiographical account evokes a world both very different from and surprisingly similar to our own. Unlike modern memoirs, however, Augustine's is a profoundly introspective story, the hero of which is not the author but God.

The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith by Timothy Keller.

The founder of Manhattan's Redeemer Presbyterian Church and author of *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*, Reverend Timothy Keller is noted for his intellectually coherent presentation of traditional Christian teachings to a contemporary and somewhat skeptical urban audience. In *The Prodigal God*, Keller reaches out to both the devout and the skeptical through an easy to read but spiritually challenging retelling of one of Jesus' most familiar parables, which he rightly renames the Parable of the "Two Lost Sons."

The Puritan Origins of American Patriotism, by George McKenna.

That the United States is a strongly religious and overwhelmingly Christian country has long been noted by observers of American society and participants in American politics. In *The Puritan Origins of American Patriotism*, George McKenna, professor emeritus of American Political Thought at City College, examines the distinctive role of religion in fostering an American national identity and guiding the continuities and transformations of our national life, from the Puritans' efforts to create a holy commonwealth in colonial New England to modern post 9/11 American society and politics.

Books will be available in the Bookstore on February 21.

SHARING & CARING...

LOVE is the air.....share it with those in need

The Winter Banquet

A tremendous success! Thank you all who helped to host the spring banquet. We were able to give out nearly 400 lunches on this beautiful Sunny Day.

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 11-1.....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.

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 guests coming for lunch is growing each week by about 15%. We are now serving about 70 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 welcomecenter, 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

For all in need please pray, that their needs will be met.

Thank you for your kindness

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 by February 17, 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.

ARTS AND ARTISTS' NEXT SONGBOOK

Monday, February 23, 2009

Arts and Artists will present its next *Songbook* concert of this – its 18th season - on **Monday, February 23rd at 6PM at its NEW HOME - The York Public Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center.** The concert will be held in the **Bruno Walter Auditorium** - 111 Amsterdam Avenue, just south of 65th Street. This *Songbook* will be honor the songs of award-winning composer **David Evans**. Performers include some of Broadway and Hollywood's greatest talents including: **Jill Abramovitz, Gerard Canonico, Catherine Cox, Jenn Colella, John Cunningham, Todd Graff, Liz Larsen, Jose Llana, Crista Moore, Andrew Hill Newman, Mary Beth Peil, J.K. Simmons, and Barbara Walsh.** This concert is Produced, Directed and Hosted by John Znidarsic. Admission is **FREE** and seating is on a first come-first serve basis. We hope to see you there. For further information, please visit our new website www.ArtsAndArtistsAtStPaul.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Society-Ozanam Orientation

Mark your calendars for Sat Feb 21st at 9am. Join us for an orientation day in the St. Paul's Parish center as we learn about bringing the love of Christ to those who are poor or suffering. We will spend time together for breakfast, learning about the SVdP through a video and instruction. Then we will celebrate Mass and close with a group luncheon. Meals and materials will be provided. Call 212-755-8615 to register with Natalie

Saint Vincent De Paul Food Pantry

In February, the monthly food distribution for the registered families will be on Saturday Feb 28th at 9 am to 11 am.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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

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

El Circulo de Oración

Se reune todos los Viernes a las 7 PM en el Centro Parroquial – todos son bienvenidos.

Carta del Parraco

Hermanas y Hermanos en Cristo –

En los tiempos modernos, hay enfermedades que nos hacen marginar a las personas y señalarlas como impuras. Es posible que la enfermedad no sea física, pero de todas formas, hacemos un destierro espiritual cuando otros no viven según la medida de santidad que esperamos.

Con Dios, no hay ninguna persona impura y fuera del cuidado del Señor. La Eucaristía nos invite a conocer la presencia del Señor medico, el Señor que nos cuide en tiempos malos y en tiempos Buenos.

Que Dios les bendiga – Padre Gil

Fiesta Civil

El lunes, 16 de Febrero es el día de los Presidentes y fiesta civil. La iglesia estará abierta solamente para la misa de 12:10 PM y el Centro Parroquial estará cerrada.

Lecturas para la semana del 15 de febrero de 2009

Domingo: Lv 13, 1-2. 44-46/1 Cor 10, 31---11, 1/Mc 1, 40-45
Lunes: Gn 4, 1-15. 25/Mc 8, 11-13
Martes: Gn 6, 5-8; 7,1-5. 10/Mc 8, 14-21
Miércoles: Gn 8, 6-13. 20-22/Mc 8, 22-26
Jueves: Gn 9, 1-13/Mc 8, 27-33
Viernes: Gn 11, 1-9/Mc 8, 34---9:1
Sábado: Heb 11, 1-7/Mc 9, 2-13
Domingo siguiente: Is 43, 18-19. 21-22. 24-25/2 Cor 1, 18-22/Mc 2, 1-12

Un mensaje para la próxima fin de semana.

Febrero 22, 2009

Estimados amigos en el Señor,



El ultimo abril, cuando la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York concluía la celebración de su Bicentenario, fuimos honrados con la presencia del Sucesor de san Pedro, el Papa Benedicto XVI, quien permaneció con nosotros por tres fructíferos días de oración y conversación.

Es durante Visitas Papales como la que Su Santidad tuvo a bien hacernos que el Santo Padre se pone en contacto en forma más personal con el mundo al que ha sido llamado a servir como Vicario de Cristo. Haciendo esto, el Santo Padre recibe innumerables solicitudes de asistencia de parte de nuestros hermanos y hermanas menos afortunados que enfrentan una variedad de necesidades, especialmente durante estos tiempos de retos económicos.

Para responder a dichas solicitudes, el Santo Padre recurre a nuestro apoyo, y una de las maneras en que lo hacemos es a través de la Colecta Anual que se denomina Ovolo de San Pedro, la cual ha de ser llevada a cabo en las Misas de la próxima fin de semana. Permítanme, entonces, sugerirles que hagan una ofrenda de sacrificio para la colecta de este año. De esa manera usted estará cooperando con el Santo Padre en el cumplimiento de loa obra del Señor.

Con inmensa gratitud y mis mejores deseos en oración, me suscribo.

Muy atentamente en Cristo,

Edward Cardenal Egan
Arzobispo de Nueva York



Al día siguiente vio a Jesús que venía hacia él, y dijo: He ahí el Cordero de Dios que quita el pecado del mundo. Este es aquel de quien yo dije: "Después de mí viene un hombre que es antes de mí porque era primero que yo."- Juan 1:28-30

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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Mr. Cleveland Kersh	Interim Music Director
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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 Fathers www.paulist.org
Paulist Vocations Office Rev. David Farnum, CSP 212-757-4260	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.

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*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, February 8	\$10,096	\$10,683

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.



ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE BOOK & GIFT SHOP

SUPPORT THE PARISH

Saturday, February 14, St. Cyril & St. Methodius

- 8:30 ☩ Fatima & Roselia Nunez
- 5:15 ☩ Sainthood Cause of Mother Henriette DeLille, SSF

Sunday, February 15, Sixty Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 ☩ Aurelio De Bernard
- 10:00 ☩ Angeles Tadifa Abat
- 12:30 **For the People of the Parish**
- 5:15 Sainthood cause of Fr. Hecker
- 8:00 Fordham Campus Ministry

Monday, February 16, Presidents' Day

- 12:10 ☩ Carmen Nieves

Tuesday, February 17, The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

- 7:30 ☩ Theresa & John Lougheed
- 12:10 Ralph R. Richardson (Birthday Blessings)
- 5:30 ☩ Harry Macon

Wednesday, February 18

- 7:30 ☩ Paz Cacapit
- 12:10 ☩
- 5:30 ☩ Jose Lopez

Thursday, February 19

- 7:30 ☩ Dorothy & Robert Verstraten
- 12:10 Maxine Damley (Happy 80th Birthday)
- 5:30 ☩

Friday, February 20

- 7:30 ☩ Rony Blanco
- 12:10 Sacramento H. Baca, Jr.
- 5:30 ☩ Robert O'Connor

Saturday, February 21, St. Peter Damien

- 8:30 ☩ Melissa Rodriguez
- 5:15 ☩ Christopher DiGerdnimo

Please remember in prayer the following Paulist Fathers, the anniversary (day/year) of whose death is this week (*denotes served at St. Paul's): Thomas V. Robinson* (2/16/1903), William F. Blakeslee (2/19/1975), Clarence E. Wilson (2/19/1998), Charles W. Albright (2/21/2002)

An Exciting New Feature in the Bookstore coming February 21.....

Father Ron's Corner

During the season of Lent, Father Ron Franco has suggested three important books for all Catholic Readers. Be sure to read his reviews of these books in this week's bulletin.

Back in stock!

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

25% off all CDS this week.....

Beautiful selections of music, from Gregorian Chants, Taize to the music of our own Church Choir.

MEET THE Author Abbot Jamison

Finding Happiness by Christopher Jamison. Monastic Steps of a Fulfilling Life. Abbot Jamison is of Worth Abbey, a Benedictine monastery near London. He is also the author of **Finding Sanctuary: Monastic Steps for Everyday Life**, and the host of a documentary BBC series *The Monastery*. He will be here to talk about his new book on February 24, 2009 at 7pm. Both of his books are in stock and available for 20% off the listed price. Please sign up in the welcome center or online at welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org to attend.

STORE HOURS:

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

212-315-0918

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Readings for the Week of February 15, 2009

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31---11:1/ Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34---9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mk 2:1-12