From 59th and 9th
The Pastoral Corner

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ –

For the past few weeks our parish has actively been conducting the *Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal*. Archbishop Dolan has mentioned in his letters that The *Appeal* is critical to the work and life of the Archdiocese of New York and each of its parishes, including ours. We're getting there! We are nearly 50% of our goal of $85,000.00.

As we make our pledge to the *2011 Stewardship Appeal*, we recognize that all we have is a gift from God. We receive God's gifts gratefully. We cultivate His gifts responsibly. We share His gifts lovingly with others, and return them with increase to God. In the face of a challenging economy we remain thankful to God for all we have. As a sign of our gratitude we respond to the *Archdiocesan Appeal*, which helps all Catholic institutions do their work of ministering to the needs of God's people. This work includes caring for the elderly; feeding the hungry; teaching the children the truths of our faith; supporting churches on the margin who need to keep their doors open so their parishioners can pray, hear the Word of God and receive the sacraments. This work also includes supporting the dignity of all life; educating our future priests; and supporting our retired religious.

Those needs are not lessened by the economic crisis… they are increased! So perhaps this is the most important time to make a special sacrifice… and assist the work of the *Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal*. If you have been thinking and praying about a gift or a pledge, may our time together today help you to make a decision… to make a sacrifice for those who need our help so desperately. If you have already made your gift, thank you most sincerely for your generosity.

Finally, I wanted to update you on the Roof Repair Work. Phase I is nearing completion. Phase I includes the repair of the two towers and the slate roof between the towers. We hope that work will finish next week and that we'll begin removing the scaffolding on Columbus Avenue shortly thereafter.

PEACE – Fr Gil

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult Catholic who has not been confirmed, this is for you! Utilizing the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* and other resources, Fr. Gilbert Martinez, C.S.P. will prepare participants for the Sacrament of Confirmation (and First Communion). Classes will be on **Tuesdays from April 12th to May 10th at 7 pm in the Parish Center** and Adult Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 15th at 10 am. Please register at the Welcome Center Bookstore at **welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org** or (212) 265-3495, ext. 335.

LENT 2011

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent
5:30 pm in English
7 pm in Spanish

OPENINGS EXHIBITION
March 11th to April 11th

OPENINGS: Leigh Davis will present *everything that ought to have remained*, a temporary installation built in a vacant altar space in the Church. An assemblage of framed images and objects, the installation is based on Davis's project *The Brothers*, a series of photographs documenting the recent expulsion of the aged members of a Roman Catholic religious order from their home on the grounds of a former military hospital in New Mexico.

GREAT CATHOLIC FICTION SERIES
March 21, 2011

This month's selection is *Women of the Passion,* a novel by Joan D. Lynch. Join us from **7 - 9 pm** in the Parish Center. Books are currently on sale in the Bookstore at 20% off the listed price. Please **RSVP** at the Welcome Center Bookstore at **welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org**

MOVIE SCREENING
March 24, 2011

Screening of Paulist Productions film, *Romero,* about the life and martyrdom of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador on the 31st Anniversary of his assassination. The film will be shown in the Church at **7 pm**.

LENTEN FISH FRY
April 15, 2011

Join us for the Lenten Fish Fry in the Parish Center at **7 pm** following the Stations of the Cross. Volunteers are needed to help out at this event. Please email the Welcome Center Bookstore at **welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org** for details and to volunteer!

For details on any of our Events during Lent,
please see the Church Website ***Seasonal Spotlight*** page
www.stpaultheapostle.org

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Second Sunday of Lent: With the Help of God

On our own we cannot live the life God intends for us. Like Abraham, our lives can produce great fruit only if we follow God in faith. This week, we pray for the grace to follow God with stronger faith. Pray also for the gift to see the poor in our midst so that we may assist them, for the fruit of faith is love. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl supports programs that help the most vulnerable of communities in Indonesia and around the world.

LENTEN MINI-RETREATS

The Desert Mothers

Lessons from the sayings and parables of the Desert Mothers of the fourth century who sought solitude, wisdom, and communion with God.
Dr. Maureen Tilley, Ph.D., Fordham University
Saturday, April 2nd, 1:30 - 4 pm

The Seven Virtues

The Path of Illumination offers a way of being that leads to a positive approach to the "good life" through the seven virtues or strengths.
Fr. Gilbert Martinez, CSP
Saturday, April 16th, 1:30 - 4 pm

HOLY WEEK 2011

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 21ST

7:30 am - Morning Prayer
7:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Night Adoration to follow

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 22ND

7:30 am - Morning Prayer
Noon - Stations of the Cross (Church)
Via Crucis (Auditorium)
12 - 3 pm Individual Confession
1 pm - Seven Last Words
3 pm - The Lord's Passion
7 pm - *Siete Últimas Palabras*

HOLY SATURDAY

8:30 am - Morning Prayer
7:30 pm - Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

8 am, 10 am, & 5:15 pm Mass in English
12:30 pm (en Español)

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

March 25, 2011

A celebration as we wait in hope. Join us for fish, fellowship, and faith sharing. Please join us in the Parish Center from **7 - 9 pm**.

For information about these and future events, go to **www.apostolist.com**

March 27, 2011
2 - 4 pm

Meet the Author: Furniture Entrepreneur Mitchell Gold discusses his transformative book, "Crisis," which outlines the personal, social, and religious trauma and pain of growing up gay in America and his plight to help LGBT teens by ending religion-based bigotry. We will meet in the Auditorium.

April 1, 2011
4:30 - 7:30 pm

Friday Evening Dinner Service at GMHC: Volunteer with other OSP members to serve and share dinner with clients of New York City's largest HIV/AIDS Community Center.

April 16, 2011
12 - 3 pm

***Never Have I Ever* Tour of Chelsea Art Galleries:** Join fellow OSP members for a guided tour of various art galleries in Chelsea. See shows by LGBT artists, and others of interest to a queer sensibility. Meet other gay men and women who share your interest in art!

April 27, 2011
7 - 8:30 pm

"With the Word of God" Reflection Series: Please join us for three session in which we look to scripture to better understand our personal relationship with God as LGBT people and supporters. Meet in the Parish Center.

Please **RSVP** for all events at **OSP@stpaultheapostle.org**

Church of St. Paul the Apostle
Senior Ministry

Sunday, March 20, 2011

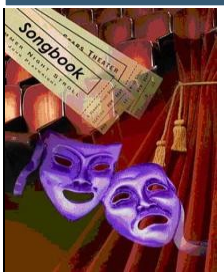
Group Tour to Harlem

All are welcome for a group tour to Harlem for a Sunday Gospel Brunch at Sylvia's "Queen of Soul Food" Restaurant (celebrating 48 years in business). The cost is $25 per person which includes brunch with coffee/tea, entertainment, and gratuity. Please meet in the back of the Church and leave as a group at 11:30 am. Sign up by March 14th at one of the Senior Ministry meetings- Mondays from 1-5 pm.

Saturday, March 26, 2011
Trinkets & Treasures SALE

Easter will soon be here and we have a wide selection of great gift items for everyone at BIG SAVINGS! Choose from jewelry, antiques, collectible items, board games, books from authors like Danielle Steele, Barbara Taylor Bradford, Jacqueline Susann, Mary Higgans Clark, Andrew Greely, and other great gift items. Join us in the **Parish Center Room 101 from 12 to 5 pm**.

ARTS & ARTISTS AT ST. PAUL



Arts and Artists at St. Paul will continue its Songbook concert series on **Monday, March 28th at 6PM** at The New 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 month's concert will feature the songs from *Pages*: *A New Musical* with Music and Lyrics by Will Van Dyke and Book and Lyrics by Josh Halloway. Performers for this concert include Michael Hunsaker, Victoria Matlock, and Derek St. Pierre. The Songbook Series 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!

SHARING OUR HERITAGE

If you are a parent raising children in the city and would like to meet other parents in order to share your faith with one another and your children, please join us. Our next meeting will be **Sunday, March 27th** following the 10 am Mass in **Room 101** of the Parish Center. Babysitting and snacks will be provided for children and coffee and donuts for parents. Please contact Fr. Jack Collins at **fatherjack@stpaultheapostle.org** for information and to sign up. All are welcome!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle is in need of donations of canned goods and other non-perishable items for our food pantry. Donations can be made at the Parish Center. SVDP also does volunteer work with the Sisters of Life. The Sisters of Life provide assistance to pregnant women in need. The Sisters are in need of new Travel System strollers (a stroller with detachable car seat). Donations can be brought or shipped to Visitation Convent, 320 East 66th Street, New York, NY 10065. Please call (212) 737-0221 before shipping. Thank you for your generosity!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CUPCAKE BAKERS

A tradition at St. Paul the Apostle is to conclude the Triduum with a cupcake reception honoring the newly received and to welcome them, their families, and all who attend. Several wonderful people have been a part of this baking tradition for years. We share baking tips and frustrations and general good fun as we prepare for this evening. If you would like to join the fun and are able to make or bring cupcakes on **April 23rd**, please email us at **welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org**

FISH-FRYING FRIDAY

Volunteer to help with the Lenten Fish Fry on **April 15th**. We need people who like to fry fish, help in the kitchen, or be on the hospitality team for this special Lenten tradition. Please sign up in the Welcome Center Bookstore or **RSVP** at **welcomecente@stpaultheapostle.org**

EASTER BASKETS

We will be collecting Easter baskets for teen and pre-teen orphans of the Abbott House and Green Chimneys. Please sign up at the back of the church, take an egg, and bring back an Easter Basket for the drive on **Palm Sunday April 17th**. You can make the basket yourself, buy a pre-made basket, or donate $20 for a basket that we will make. Please do not include any homemade foods or used items. The bookstore has some basket items available. Bring baskets to the Welcome Center Bookstore or Parish Center.

THE MUSTARD SEED GUILD

Save the date! The Mustard Seed Guild is holing a Bingo/ Poker Night on Saturday, April 30th from 5-9 pm in the Church Auditorium. Families are welcome! Entrance tickets include food and non-alcoholic beverages can be purchased for $10 in advance and $15 at the door for adults. Children's tickets are $5. All games are an additional cost. All proceeds will go to support the Hogar Belen orphanages in Nicaragua. We hope to see you there!

VISITING VOICES

Visiting Voices

We open our doors to visiting choirs from around the country to sing in our magnificent church. This spring we have over 30 choirs from Pennsylvania, Texas, Ohio, Arizona, Alabama, Michigan, West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgian, and, of course, New York and New Jersey. Most of the choirs are high school choirs which perform free concerts or music at daily mass or weekend mass.

FREE CONCERTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, March 23rd - 12:10 pm Mass
Altoona High School Choir
Altoona, PA

Thursday, March 24th -9:30 am
Broomfield High School Choir
Broomfield, CO

Saturday, March 26th - 5:15 pm Mass
Pueri Cantores
New York Area Children Choirs

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CORPUS CHRISTI LENTEN VESPERS

Corpus Christi Church presents Lenten Vespers 2011, a series which takes place each weekend from March 13th to April 10th and features psalmody, music and preaching of a new generation of theologians. The next of the series takes place on Sunday, March 27th at 4 pm and is entitled "The Earth and Sacramental Theology." Dr. Erin Lothes Biviano, Assistant Professor of Theology at the College of St. Elizabeth will preach. The music will feature soloists Kim R. Harris, soprano, and M. Roger Holland, tenor, of Union Theological Seminiary. For more information, please go to **www.corpus-christi-nyc.org** All are welcome!

DIRECTIVA PASTORAL
Padre Gilbert S. Martinez, CSP, Parroco

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 Amigos en Cristo –

Durante las últimas semanas nuestra parroquia ha llevado a cabo de manera activa la *Campaña Arquidiocesana de Corresponsabilidad*. En sus cartas, el Arzobispo Dolan ha mencionado que la *Campaña* es de importancia fundamental para el trabajo y la vida de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York y para cada una de sus parroquias, incluyendo la nuestra. Al ser hijos de Cristo, tenemos un llamado a servir a los demás en agradecimiento a nuestro Dios tan generoso. Por favor, consideren una promesa de sacrificio a la *Campaña de 2011*. Gracias por su consideración y apoyo del ministerio de la Iglesia en Nueve York.

La invitación de los evangelios durante la Cuaresma es considerar nuestras attitudes y acciones en lugar de solamente seguir la ley de Dios.

Para su reflexión: ¿He convertido el trabajo o mis sentimientos en un ídolo? Quizás he hecho un ídolo de la última moda o del dinero. Tal vez, hasta mis propias ideas han impedido que las ideas de los demás florezcan.

Que el Señor de Nueva Vida les bendiga en su jornada de Cuaresma.

PAZ – Padre Gil

VIA CRUCIS EN VIVO

Para la celebración de la Pasión del Señor Jesucristo en el Viernes Santo duranta La Semana Santa organizamos la actuación del Via Crucis en vivo. Es parte de nuestra jornada de fe – el camino comienza en el Auditorio en el mediodía y se realiza en las calles de nuestra ciudad. Necesitamos actores y músicos para participar en el Via Crucis. Todos están invitados.

OPERACIÓN PLATO DE ARROZ

Con la ayuda de Dios

Solos y por nuestra cuenta no podemos vivir la vida que Dios quiere para nosotros. Al igual que Abram, nuestra vida puede dar mucho fruto solo si seguimos a Dios con fe. Esta semana, recen por la gracia para seguir a Dios con una fe más sólida. Roguemos también por el don de ver a los pobres entre nosotros para poder ayudarlos, pues el fruto es el amor. Operación Plato de Arroz apoya programas que ayudan a los más necesitados en comunidades en Indonesia y por todo el mundo.

Vía Crucis

Se celebra el Via Crucis en español todos los viernes durante Cuaresma a las 7 PM en la iglesia.

Lecturas para la semana del 20 de marzo de 2011

Domingo:	Gn 12, 1-4/2 Tim 1, 8-10/Mt 17, 1-9
Lunes:	Dn 9, 4-10/Lc 6, 36-38
Martes:	Is 1, 10. 16-20/Mt 23, 1-12
Miércoles:	Jr 18, 18-20/Mt 20, 17-28
Jueves:	Jr 17, 5-10/Lc 16, 19-31
Viernes:	Is 7, 10-14/Heb 10, 4-10/Lc 1, 26-38
Sábado:	Miq 7, 14-15. 18-20/Lc 15, 1-3. 11-32
Domingo siguiente:	Ex 17, 3-7/Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8/Jn 4, 5-42 o 4, 5-15. 19-26. 39. 40-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 19
Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 ✞Barbara S. Janos
5:15 Sainthood Cause of Henriette Delille, SSF

Sunday, March 20
Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 ✞Rosa Love
10:00 ✞Anna Bannon
12:30 For the People
5:15 ✞Lorreta Treval

Monday, March 21
7:30 ✞Barbara S. Janos
12:10 ✞Robert Sparks

Tuesday, March 22
7:30 ✞Mario Pitzalis
12:10 ✞Ernst Dunbar

Wednesday, March 23
Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop
7:30 ✞Robert Reder
12:10 ✞Nancy Nocraz

Thursday, March 24
7:30 ✞Francis Driscoll
12:10 ✞Yonila Borja Taghap Sr.

Friday, March 25
Annunciation of the Lord
7:30 ✞Norah L. Horne
12:10 Manuel Garcia- *Get Well*

Saturday, March 26
8:30 ✞Alberto Reinoso
5:15 ✞Rocco Marone

Let us Pray for Our Sick

Michele Blanco, Jack Cacomanolis, Jose & Clemencia Garcia, Teresa Guevara, Isabel Iondoño, Lina Melendez, Liza Ann Montero, Melba Ortiz, Juan C. & Ruth Ospina, Kathleen Ryan, Esther & Lucy Salgado, Rafael Salinas, Antonio Silva, Natan Sheyer, Leslie Smith, Abe Steingart, Ann Nolan, Mary Kovack, Francisco Gerdy, Carrie Bullock, Marie Starr, Tracy Manning, Jenny Young, Raymond Lopez, Peter O'Rourke, Joan Gonzalez, Marie Rose Marguerite Moze, Jasmin Mania, Luis Guzman, Jose Lorenzo Aegura, Enriquillo Menoz, Ramuntco Iban Bosoh, Serangely, Ana Torres, Angeline Roselli, Vickie Ward, Ray Lopez, Luisa Jaquez, Nicole Giral, Tom Matovic, Myriam Garcia, Sally Ann, Maria Luisa Alfaro, Veronica Mendoza, Giuseppe DiScipio, Marian Grabowski, Tina Cacomanolis, & Daniel Joseph Lofaso.

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Please remember in prayer the following Paulist fathers, the anniversary (day/year) of whose death is this week (*denotes served at St. Paul's): William J. Finn* (3/20/1961), Richard J. Walsh (3/21/2003), John M. Riach (3/21/1950), Benjamin B. Hunt (3/21/1986), Thomas J. McNichol* (3/22/1937), Louis G. Brown* (3/24/1880), J. Arthur Maguire (3/26/1966), & E. Philip O'Hern* (3/26/2002).

A Word from Servant of God, Father Isaac Hecker, CSP
Founder of the Paulists and First Pastor of our Parish
(1819-1888)

"The Catholic idea, then, is this: that Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, has become man, and, after His ascension, continues His mission upon earth through the instrumentality of His Church as really and truly as when He was manifest in the flesh and walked among men, in the country about Judea."

PARISH SUPPORT

Stewardship Information

Thank you for your generosity!

Receipts:	2011	2010
Sunday, March 13th	$8,086	$9,278
Peter's Pence	$2,851	$2,939
ParishPay Weekly	$1,568	

Readings for the Week of March 20, 2011

Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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(cell)_____(work)_____

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