

NEW YORK CITY

*From 59th and 9th
The Pastoral Corner*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ –

We are nearing the completion of Phase I of the Roofing Project, which means the scaffolding on Columbus Avenue is coming down very soon – by Easter.

The project began in October 2009. The goals of the project were to protect the safety of anyone who walked into the church (from falling slate tiles or loose masonry) and to protect the church building from further damage. Phase I set out to replace both tower roofs; to rebuild and reinforce the chimney on each tower and the four spires on each tower (8 spires); to ground the towers with lightening protection; and, to replace the steep slate roof between the towers. The cost of Phase I was \$1.2 million of which \$1.1 million, the bulk of which was donated by a foundation and parishioner donations.

Thank you for helping make this important repair possible. The Building Committee chaired by Deacon Wally Sandoval and the Finance Council chaired by Edward Puzio have watched over this project.

Phase II which addresses the urgent need to repair the side roofs on West 59th and West 60th Streets will begin soon. Again the goals are to insure the safety of persons on the streets below and to protect the church from further water damage. This phase will be more costly - \$1.9 million.

Please visit the display about both phases, which is located near the north tower. We are planning a full report of the project and the parish finances and on the “state of the parish” in May.

May the LORD continue to bless our Lenten journey of ongoing conversion. Peace – Fr. Gil

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

We have received **\$48,000**, which is **56%** of our goal of **\$85,500**. If you have not made your pledge, please do so this week. White envelopes at the entrance to the Church are available or you may donate on-line at www.stewardshipappeal.org. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your Appeal commitment and your gift!

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

The Beginning of Holy Week

Holy Monday, April 18th, 3 - 9 pm

Celebrate God’s mercy. It’s a great thing to hear about God’s merciful love. It’s even better to experience it - personally. No matter how long it may have been since your last confession - weeks, years or even decades - there is no time like the start of Holy Week to know the mercy of God in the Sacrament of Penance. Seize this moment of grace at the start of Holy Week. Bring a friend. All parishes in the Archdiocese are participating.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

If you are need to receive Holy Communion in a gluten-free host, please see the priest celebrant or one of the Eucharistic Ministers (those handing out mass programs) before mass and notify them. Then, receive Communion from the priest who will have the gluten-free hosts during mass.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult Catholic who has not been confirmed, this is for you! **Tuesdays from April 12th to May 10th at 7 pm in the Parish Center**. Please register at the Welcome Center Bookstore at welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org or (212) 265-3495, ext. 335.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Leigh Davis presents *everything that ought to have remained*. 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 religious order.

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

LENTEN FISH FRY

Join us on **Friday, April 15th** 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 sign up in the Welcome Center Bookstore or email welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org for details.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you would like to make a contribution to the Church for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up an offering envelope at the back of the Church. You may turn in your offering during Mass, in the Welcome Center Bookstore or in any of the offering boxes in the back of the Church. Your name and memorial will then be placed in the bulletin following Easter.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

When the Israelites felt they were out of options in the desert and pleaded to God for help, God answered their prayers. Your support of Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl provides options to workers in Senegal and throughout the world. With CRS' support, workers can access small loans to establish businesses so that they can provide for their families. Everyone has the right to work!

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)
12:30 pm - Images of the Passion
12 - 3 pm - Individual Confession
1 pm - Seven Last Words
3 pm - The Lord's Passion
7 pm - *Siete Últimas Palabras*

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 23RD

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

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 24TH

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES



**April 10, 2011
6:15 pm**

Documentary & Discussion: Join us for a viewing of a documentary followed by a brief discussion of the film. We will be viewing it on the large screen in the Parish Center following Mass. Pizza will be served.

**April 16, 2011
9:30 am - 3 pm**

Hands on New York Day: Help revitalize New York City parks as a part of a city-wide day of service. For more information or to join the Apostolist team, visit handsonnewyorkday.org/apostolist You must sign up online by April 8th to volunteer!

Go to www.apostolist.com for information about this and other upcoming activities and events!



**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!

Please RSVP for all events at OSP@stpaultheapostle.org



Church of St. Paul the Apostle
Senior Ministry

**Person of the Month
Elizabeth Sullivan (nee Kelly)**

Elizabeth Sullivan is a member of the St. Paul Senior Ministry. She was born on 61st Street at the former site of Power Memorial High School and baptized at St. Paul the Apostle where she would also attend grammar school. She lived with her family directly next to the Church at West 60th Street for many years. These apartments would later be torn down to become the site of the Fordham University Lincoln Center campus. Liz has been married for 50 years and has raised children and now has grandchildren. She still lives in the neighborhood and is a faithful parishioner volunteering regularly with the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen and Homeless Shelter. We are honored to have Liz with us and thank her for sharing her many wonderful memories!

**Monday, March 28, 2011
Visiting Nurse Service**

We will be having a presentation on Home Health Care for Seniors in Room 101 of the Parish Center from 2-3 pm. There will be free literature provided and an opportunity to ask questions. All are welcome!

**Sunday, May 1, 2011
Group Tour to Harlem**



Join us for a group tour to Harlem for a Sunday Gospel Brunch at the Cotton Club. The cost is \$43 per person which includes brunch, coffee/tea, gratuity and entertainment. The original Cotton Club was a famous nightclub in Harlem that operated during the Prohibition Era of the 1920s and 1930s. It helped launch the careers of stars like Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Lena Horne, and Ethel Waters. Please meet in the back of the Church and leave as a group at 11:30 am. Sign up by April 18th at one of the Senior Ministry meetings- Mondays from 1-5 pm.

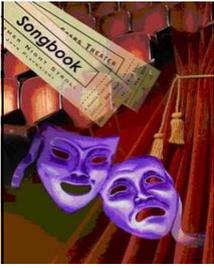
Saturday, June 4, 2011

Save the date: Trip to Atlantic City!

Back by popular demand- our Annual Bus Trip to Atlantic City's Showboat Casino. Tickets are \$30. Each person will receive a \$30 Casino Bonus to use. More details will follow.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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!

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 (canned vegetables, fruit, tuna, etc.) and other non-perishable items for our food pantry. The donations to our food pantry help provide valuable assistance to the families we support each month. Please help us restock our shelves. Donations can be made at the Parish Center. SVDP also does work with the Sisters of Life. The Sisters of Life provide assistance to pregnant women in need. The Sisters are currently in need of **new** or **gently used** cribs, highchairs, and pack-n-plays. They are also in need of baby wipes and diapers. Donations can be dropped off directly at their convent at 450 West 51st Street between 9th and 10th Avenue. Please call (212) 397-1396 for more information. Thank you for your generosity!



COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Meet Deacon Bill Hampton &

Learn more about Catholic Relief Services

Deacon Bill Hampton from Catholic Relief Services will be visiting our parish next weekend. Catholic Relief Services is the official international relief and development agency that assists the poor and vulnerable in 100 countries on behalf of the Catholic Community in the United States. Deacon Bill is part of a national effort to raise awareness on behalf of poor overseas and to provide different opportunities for you to get involved in the work of CRS.

THE MUSTARD SEED GUILD

Save the date! The Mustard Seed Guild is holding 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!

USED BOOK DRIVE

One of our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation is completing her community service by having a *Used Book Drive* for the needy. Books have a huge impact on people's lives. If you have any new or like-new books that you would like to donate, please bring them to the back of the Church on Saturday, April 2nd or Sunday April 3rd. We are suggesting baby, toddler, teen fiction and non-fiction, brain quest and flash cards, novels, parenting, health and fitness, cookbooks, first aid, dictionaries, how-to, craft and home improvement books. With your help, we can give hope to these families by giving them a chance...a chance to read, succeed, and make a difference!



Visiting Voices

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

Sunday, March 27, 2011

Woodbury High School Choir - 10 am Mass
Woodbury, MN

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

LaGuardia Highschool - 7 pm Concert

Friday, April 1, 2011

Olentangy High School Choir - 10:15 am
Powell, OH

Reeths Puffer High School - 4 pm
Muskegon, MI

Saturday, April 2, 2011

Wichita Falls High School - 10 am
Wichita Falls, TX

Great Bridge High School - Noon
Chesapeake, VA

Nardin Academy Orchestra & Choir - 2 pm
Buffalo, NY

MARCH 27TH, 2011

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 Hermanos y Hermanas –

El relato del encuentro de Jesús con la mujer samaritana (Juan 4,5-42), es considerado como uno de los pasajes más leídos y estudiados del Evangelio según san Juan y quizás de todos los evangelios.

Al pedirle agua a la samaritana, “**Dame de beber**” (v.7), Jesús le expresa que necesita ayuda, que depende de ella para solucionar una de sus necesidades básicas. El texto dice “pues sus discípulos se habían ido a la ciudad...” (v.8). El “pues” explicativo es importante, indica que le está pidiendo a la mujer el servicio que normalmente habría realizado alguno de sus discípulos. Además, Jesús inicia la conversación colocándose en una posición completamente inofensiva, la mujer no tiene por qué sentirse invadida. Jesús apela a sus sentimientos de misericordia, quiere ayudarla a expresarse desde lo más profundo de ella misma.

Pero paradójicamente la situación se invierte al final, cuando es la mujer misma la que clama: “Señor, dame de esa agua, para que no tenga más sed y no tenga que venir aquí a sacarla” (v.15). Es la mujer quien descubre que depende de Jesús para solucionar su necesidad básica no fisiológica y más profunda, una sed que tiene una causa más honda y que está relacionada con el sentido de su existencia.

A partir de la simple petición de un vaso de agua (¿se podrá pedir algo más sencillo?), y sin que lo llegue a recibir, Jesús entabla una conversación que lleva a la mujer a que descubra que definitivamente él tiene para ella y para la humanidad un don incomparablemente mejor.

Comencemos evocando una frase que quedó consignada en la autobiografía de la Madre Teresa de Calcuta:

“Jesús es Dios, por lo cual su amor, su sed, es infinita. Él, el creador del universo, pedía el amor de sus creaturas. Tiene sed de nuestro amor...”

Estas palabras: ‘Tengo sed’ – ¿No hacen eco en vuestras almas?

La paz sea con ustedes – Padre Gil

VIA CRUCIS EN VIVO

Para la celebración de la Pasión del Señor Jesucristo en el Viernes Santo durante 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.

LUNES DE RECONCILIACION

El Inicio de la Semana Santa

Lunes Santa, 18 Abril 2011, 3 - 9 pm

Celebre la misericordia de Dios. Es una gran cosa escuchar acerca del amor misericordioso de Dios. Es mejor aun experimentarlo – personalmente. No importa cuánto tiempo hace que tuvo su última confesión – semanas, años o décadas – no hay tiempo como el inicio de la Semana Santa para conocer la misericordia de Dios en el Sacramento de la Penitencia. Aproveche este momento de gracia al comienzo de la Semana Santa. Traiga un amigo o amiga.

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 27 de marzo de 2011

Domingo:	Ex 17, 3-7/Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8/Jn 4, 5-42 o 4, 5-15. 19-26. 39. 40-42
Lunes:	2 Re 5, 1-15/Lc 4, 24-30
Martes:	Dn 3, 25. 34-43/Mt 18, 21-35
Miércoles:	Dt 4, 1. 5-9/Mt 5, 17-19
Jueves:	Jr 7, 23-28/Lc 11, 14-23
Viernes:	Os 14, 2-10/Mc 12, 28-34
Sábado:	Os 6, 1-6/Lc 18, 9-14
Domingo siguiente:	1 Sm 16, 1. 6-7. 10-13/Ef 5, 8-14/Jn 9, 1-41 o 9, 1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38



Saturday, March 26

8:30 ☩Alberto Reinoso
5:15 ☩Rocco Marone

Sunday, March 27

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 ☩Virginia Reyes Magtuloy
10:00 ☩Teodora Sambalod
12:30 ☩Manolito Rivera
5:15 For the People

Monday, March 28

7:30 ☩Raimundo Cuellary
12:10 Limhap Teresita & R. Taghap

Tuesday, March 29

7:30 ☩Nicholas Roccio
12:10 Angelo P. Califano

Wednesday, March 30

7:30 ☩Unesta Conyette
12:10 ☩Gilberto Aquirre

Thursday, March 31

7:30 ☩Mary Ryan
12:10 ☩Albert Echevarria

Friday, April 1

Day of Abstinence

7:30 ☩Barbara S. Janos
12:10 ☩Gilberto Aquirre

Saturday, April 2

Francis of Paola, hermit

8:30 ☩Carlos Mancheno
5:15 ☩Margaret Lawrence

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.

Let us Pray for our Deceased

Sharon Marie McTague

Please remember in prayer the following Paulist fathers, the anniversary (day/year) of whose death is this week (*denotes served at St. Paul's): John A. Carr* (3/27/2002), Thomas L. O'Neill (3/29/1951), John B. Harney* (3/29/1957), Owen A. McGrath* (3/30/1935), Peter J. Bergen* (3/31/1966), Francis C. Keyes* (4/1/1970), & William West* (4/1/1975).

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

“We protest, therefore, against the idea of giving the earth over to wretchedness and the world to sin; rather would we indulge the hope of establishing God’s kingdom here, and abor earnestly for it.” (“How to Be Happy, “ *Sermons*, 60-61)

PARISH SUPPORT

Stewardship Information

Thank you for your generosity!

<u>Receipts:</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Sunday, March 20th	\$8,884	\$9,546
ParishPay Weekly	\$1,568	

Readings for the Week of March 27, 2011

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S):(home) _____

(cell) _____ (work) _____

EMAIL: _____