

NEW YORK CITY

Dear Friends –

Advent begins next Sunday. Early Christians prayed fervently, “*Maranatha!*” which means “*Come, Lord Jesus!*” You are invited to participate in the Advent activities to help us pray with the same urgency as our early brothers and sisters in faith.

The new liturgical year (Year B of the Sunday Lectionary's three-year cycle of readings) brings us the new Mass Translations and the Gospel of Mark on Sundays on most Sundays. It is the oldest (published in Rome somewhere between 64 and 72 AD) and shortest. Younger than Jesus, Mark wrote slightly before or after the fall of the temple in 70 AD and he probably journeyed with Peter.

At the time Mark was writing his Gospel, Christians were being persecuted as some Christians literally went into the lion's den. Mark stresses Jesus' suffering and the meaning of suffering. No matter what happens, Marks asks us to trust in God, even when we think he is silent. Today's Gospel urging us to "being watchful" and "being alert". For what? That depends largely on that early Christian prayer, “*Come, Lord Jesus*”. Where do we need the Lord today – in our homes, in our world, in our hearts?

As we prepare to celebrate our National Day of Thanksgiving, I want to offer my gratitude for your support of all the parish activities especially for the Blood Drive, the free Flu Shots offered by Saint Luke-Roosevelt Hospital; the Homeless Banquets and our weekly soup kitchen and pantry and for the many other ways you live your faith here at Saint Paul's. 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 forever!

Next weekend, the Giving Tree will be up. 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.

To offer the prayer “*Come, Lord Jesus*” is a sign of hope to continue to ask God to help our world. It's a wonderful way to begin Advent the season of hope. This time before Christmas reminds us that God came to us in the flesh to be with us, to accompany us in our lives and struggles. And, so we pray for peace in the midst of seemingly unending wars and economic fears and hardships; we pray for healing and hope for all those who struggle with chronic illnesses especially cancer and HIV/AIDS and for all who are sick & suffering; and, we pray for all the needs of our brothers and sisters.

Happy Thanksgiving! And, may the Season of Advent prepare our hearts to hope in the Lord. Peace – Fr Gil

SPECIAL HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

Thursday, November 24th: There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:00 am. The Parish Center will be closed and the Church will close after the Mass.

Friday, November 25th: The daily mass will be held at 10:00 am. The Parish Center will be closed and the Church will close after the Mass.

EVENTS @ ST. PAUL'S

Great Catholic Fiction

This month's selection, *The Golden Thread* by Louis DeWohl, is the story of the conversion of St. Ignatius Loyola. Join us for discussion on **November 22nd at 7 pm** in the Parish Center. Readers get a 20% discount from the Bookstore.



WINTER'S EVE CELEBRATION

This year's Winter's Eve kicks off with a neighborhood tree-lighting ceremony at Lincoln Square at **5:30 pm on Monday, November 28, 2011**. Afterwards, head over to the Church of St. Paul the Apostle where we will have light refreshments throughout the evening, viewings of favorite holiday movies for the kids (and big kids too), a visit from St. Nick, and a spirited holiday sing-a-long led by the choirs of St. Paul and students from the famed American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA).

Please Join us from 6-9 in the Church!

6:15 pm Movie Viewing:
"The Little Drummer Boy"

7:00 pm St. Nick will make a visit!!

7:45 pm Movie Viewing
"A Charlie Brown Christmas"

8:30 pm Holiday Sing-a-long

Meet the Author

Meet the author Father Stravinskis on **November 30th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** when he will discuss his book *What Mary Means to Christians: An Ancient Tradition Explained*. It will be held at the Parish Center. Please RSVP at the following email: welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

OUT @ ST PAUL

FALL 2011 SEASON

Green Chimneys Volunteer Event

November 21, 2011 from 6:30 -8:00 pm, join other volunteers to participate in a dessert cooking class with residents of Green Chimneys Gramercy House. RSVP for event details.

World AIDS Day Mass

December 1, 2011 at 7:00pm, join the LGBT Ministries of St. Paul the Apostle and St. Francis Xavier for a celebration of hope and remembrance. There will be a Mass and reception afterward.

OSP Scripture Study Series

December 7, 2011 from 7-8:30 pm, join us in the Parish Center for our last session focused on stories from the Bible of how people responded to God's call and how it relates to our own personal journey of faith.

Please **RSVP** for all events at OSP@stpaultheapostle.org and check out all of our upcoming events for Fall 2011 at www.outatstpaul.org. All are welcome to attend.

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For Young Adults in their 20's & 30's

Next Event: **Introduction to the Revised Mass Translation**

Starting this Advent, the words of the Mass will change to better reflect the original Latin. Join us for an introduction to the revised translation. Meet after the 5:15 pm Mass on **Sunday, November 20th** from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Parish Center.

SAINT PAUL'S BOOKSTORE GRAND RE-OPENING SALE

It's good to be home! Come to the St. Paul's Bookstore grand re-opening sale at St. Paul's Church.

- On Sunday, November 20th, candles will only be \$3 each, or 4 for \$10.
- We need to make room for Christmas merchandise so select books will only be \$5.
- Buy your Christmas cards early! If you buy 2 boxes of Christmas cards, you can get a third box of equal or lesser value for free.
- For every 2 boxes of Christmas cards, you will receive 4 US religious Madonna stamps for free.
- Our hours will be back to normal and are as follows: **Sunday: 9:00am-9:00pm, Mon-Friday: 10:00am-5:30pm and Saturday 10:00am-6:30pm.**

We hope you will buy your Christmas Cards and your holiday Gifts from us this season. Profits go directly to the Church and the support of our Welcome-Center services. We appreciate your support for all your Advent Christmas needs. We've missed you and welcome back. It's good to see you!

ABC'S OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

ABC's of Catholic Relief Services: This week - CRS/Burundi... Nearly a million farmers over ten years participate in CRS seed programs. Help from American Catholics supporting CRS. Densely populated Burundi is still healing from wounds of war ended in 2006. Thousands participate in savings and loan programs. Last week - CRS/Angola. Next week - CRS/Cambodia.

For more info visit: www.crs.org

Welcoming the Roman Missal, Third Edition

The third edition of the Roman Missal, the text we use in celebrating Mass, will be more formal in character and richer in vocabulary. Come to a parish presentation on how these changes came to be and what they mean for us. Associate Pastor Fr. Tom Holahan will offer reflections on the changes and lead the discussion. Meet on **Tuesday, November 29th** at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

ARTS & ARTISTS AT ST. PAUL

November *SONGBOOK*

Monday, November 28, 2011 – Drew Fornarola

Arts and Artists at St. Paul will continue its 2011 - 2012 *Songbook* concert season on **Monday, November 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 of composer/lyricist, **Drew Fornarola**. This award-winning writer has a new musical being developed for stage by DreamWorks Theatricals and for screen by DreamWorks Animation. The *Songbook Series* is produced, directed and hosted by **John Znidarsic**. Admission is **FREE** and seating is on a first come-first serve basis. If you would like additional information, please check our website: www.artsandartistsatstpaul.org.

CENTERING PRAYER

Practice Christian meditation and chant as inspired by the monks and desert fathers - be drawn to a life of increased creativity, vitality and substance, in these times of turmoil and confusion. The next meeting is **Wednesday, November 23rd from 6-8:30 pm** at the Parish Center. These meditation sessions are held every Wednesday evening.

Please **RSVP** at: meditativeprayer@aol.com.

MUSTARD SEED GUILD

Annual Thanksgiving Drive

Chuck the Giving Turkey is back and his feathers are full of items most needed by the orphanages in Nicaragua. We invite you to select a feather and then obtain the item listed. You can drop off the items after mass next week or anytime at the Parish Center. Please mark the items "For Mustard Seed." We ask that all items be dropped off no later than **Sunday, December 4th.**

If you have any questions please email mustardseedguildny@gmail.com.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

ADVENT FAMILY DAY

Learn about the Advent Wreath and other preparations for the Christmas season with families of the Religious Education Program. Make an Advent wreath for your apartment or house; Meet Children's Book writer and illustrator Monica Wellington who will read from one of her books. Help decorate Christmas cookies – and eat them, too! The event will take place at St. Paul's in the auditorium on **November 20th** from **11am to 1pm**. The whole family (grandparents too), everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!



Church of St. Paul the Apostle
Senior Ministry

RUMMAGE SALE

On **Saturday, November 26th** and **Saturday, December 10th** the Senior Ministry will be having a sale that will combine Flea Market Sale and Garage Sale “gently used items” for the kitchen, bathroom, men and women's clothing, and many other items. Come and spend your money with us at the Parish Center, Room 101, from **10am-5pm**.

CHRISTIANS PRACTICING YOGA

Christians practicing yoga represents a growing community of people with its arms open in welcome to all. The group is held on **Mondays** from **6:30-9:00 pm** at the Parish Center and is free with an optional offering. From 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm will be Yoga - asana's (poses), kirtan (chant), and pranayama (breathing). Then we will have meditation from 8:00pm - 8:20pm. From 8:20-9:00 pm, there will be community tea, light snacks, and conversation.

For more information, feel free to contact Kenneth Wright at climbtronador@yahoo.com or Annette Jensen at

SHARING OUR HERITAGE

If you are a parent raising children in the city and would like to meet other parents doing the same, you are most cordially invited to a meeting on **Sunday, November 27th** after the 10:00 am mass. Immediately after the mass, please go to Room 101 in the Parish Center. Babysitting and refreshments will be provided. The focus of the group will be on sharing heritage and our faith with our children listening to the Word of God so as to become “Becoming missionaries to our children.” Please contact Father Collins for more information at jcollins@aol.com

WINTER'S EVE CELEBRATION

Bakers Needed

It's time to invite the neighbors in for a little holiday cheer during the Winter's Eve celebration at St. Paul's. We need willing bakers to bring holiday cookie treats to share and cider brewers to keep things ready and flowing. Whether in the Church or in the Auditorium, we will be participating in this annual Christmas event on **Monday, Nov 28th**. RSVP to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org and put Winter's Eve baking in the subject line. Let us know about how many cookies or bars you will be donating. (We need at least one hundred dozen - most recipes make between 36 and 60 cookies, or 24 bars). Please deliver your cookies in a non-returnable container on **Saturday, Nov 26th before 6:00 pm** to the Welcome-Center Bookstore. We need and appreciate your participation in our Ministry of Hospitality. The seniors will host this treat bar. Stop in for movies, caroling, and a visit from a very special guest, St. Nicholas. This is always a fun evening.

Winter Coat Drive

New York Cares coat drive will be a part of Winter's Eve throughout the upper west side. We will accept coats for this drive from **Friday, November 25th** through **Monday, November 28th** at **7 pm**. They must be in good wearable condition. They are looking for gently used, freshly laundered coats (especially Men's and Children's coats) but we'll take any coat donations that come in. New York Cares works with more than 300 non-profit partners like churches, schools, community centers and homeless shelters to distribute the coats to New Yorkers in need.

LET'S TALK TURKEY!



One way of showing our gratitude for the many blessings we receive is to share our good fortune with others. The St. Vincent De Paul Society here at St. Paul's distributed 120 turkeys last year to families in our neighborhood who might otherwise not have had a turkey dinner. This year we are hoping to give out at least as many if not more, but we need your help. A twenty dollar donation will provide a family of four with a turkey and the fixings to make this Thanksgiving special. Please consider helping with any amount. Make checks payable to "St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Paul's". Thank you and have a blessed Thanksgiving.

NOVEMBER 20, 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
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Estimados Hermanos en Cristo –

Jesús anuncia que nuestra redención está cerca, sin que sepamos el día ni la hora. Hemos escuchado este mensaje del cumplimiento de la promesa del Señor desde el tiempo de Jeremías. Nuestra condición dispuesta se encuentra en la oración del salmista al elevar diariamente nuestra alma al Señor y al caminar en su senda, conociendo su verdad, y nombrándolo como nuestro Salvador.

El próximo domingo llega el tiempo de Adviento, las cuatro semanas de preparación para recibir de nuevo el Salvador. Estaremos en el Año B del año litúrgico en el cual leímos el Evangelio de San Marcos en los domingos. Como una señal de nuestra esperanza en la salvación que Jesús nos ofrece, se enciende La Corona de Adviento con esta bendición:

*La tierra, Señor, se alegra en estos días,
y tu Iglesia desborda de gozo
ante tu Hijo, el Señor,
que se acerca como luz esplendorosa,
para iluminar a los que yacemos en las tinieblas
de la ignorancia, del dolor y del pecado.
Lleno de esperanza en su venida,
tu pueblo ha preparado esta corona
con ramos del bosque
y la ha adornado con luces.
Ahora, pues, que vamos a empezar el tiempo de preparación
para la venida de tu Hijo,
te pedimos, Señor,
que, mientras se acrecienta cada día
el esplendor de esta corona, con nuevas luces,
a nosotros nos ilumines
con el esplendor de aquel que, por ser la luz del mundo,
iluminará todas las oscuridades.
Él, que vive y reina por los siglos de los siglos.*

Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias – Que Dios les bendigan para siempre. PAZ – Padre Gil

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

El Comité Guadalupano tiene el honor de invitar a todos para Celebraciones Guadalupanas: Domingo, 11 de Diciembre en la Santa Misa de 12:30 pm la cual será cantado con Mariachi y con un convivio después en el auditorio. Habrá una misa en el día 12 a las 5:30 pm en la cual nuestras Hermanas Oblatas de Jesús Sacerdote renovarán sus votos perpetuos. Todos son bienvenidos.

Winter's Eve 2011 – 28 de Noviembre – 6 pm – 9 pm

Cada año en el lunes después del Día de la Acción de Gracias nuestro vecendario ofrece una noche de hospitalidad. Se alumbrará un árbol de Navidad en Lincoln Center con un concierto a las 5:30 pm. A las 6 pm invitados nuestros vecinos a conocer a nuestra bella iglesia. Habrá dos películas cortas navideñas, un concierto de villancicos navideños y una visita de San Nicolás. Todos son bienvenidos.

EL CIRCULO ORACIÓN
Se reúne todos los Jueves a las 7:00 pm. Todos están invitados!

Lecturas para la semana del 20 de noviembre de 2011

Domingo: Ez 34, 11-12. 15-17/1 Cor 15, 20-26. 28/Mt 25, 31-46
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: Is 63, 16-17. 19; 64, 2-7/1 Cor 1, 3-9/Mc 13, 33-37



Saturday, November 19th

- 8:30 †Filomena Proietti
- 5:15 †Sainthood Cause of Mother Henriette Delille, SSF

Sunday, November 20th

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

- 8:00 †Alba Nelia Feliz
- 10:00 †George Nowak
- 12:30 †Guillermo Colon
- 5:15 For the People

Monday, November 21st

- 7:30 †Filomena Proietti
- 12:10 †Julia Reilly

Tuesday, November 22nd, Cecilia, virgin & martyr

- 7:30 †Dorales Vavueque
- 12:10 †Frank Vasquez

Wednesday, November 23rd, Clement I, pope & martyr

- 7:30 †Mary Mendola
- 12:10 †Mary Reilly

Thursday, November 24th, Thanksgiving Day

- 11:00 The Bayoran Family

Friday, November 25th, Catherine of Alexandria

- 10:00 †Rosetta Higgins Goohis

Saturday, November 26th

- 8:30 †Hugh Reilly
- 5:15 †Norah & Douglas Horne

DO YOU HAVE AN ALLERGY TO GLUTEN? Gluten free hosts are available at all masses. Please let the celebrating priest or any of the ministers know before mass and we will prepare a gluten free host for Holy Communion. Then at the communion procession, please receive the Body of Christ from the priest, who will have the gluten free host separated out in the ciborium.

Let us Pray for Our Sick

Michele Blanco, 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, 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, Ray Lopez, Luisa Jaquez, Nicole Giral, Myriam Garcia, Sally Ann, Maria Luisa Alfaro, Veronica Mendoza, Giuseppe DiScipio, Marian Grabowski, Tina Cacomanolis, & Janet Lindell., Susan Walton, Bernard Bisbal, and DeDe Sharkey, Paula Corredor, Caroline Okrant, Kevin Morgan, John O'Neill, Joel Juarbe

Please remember in prayer the following Paulist Fathers, the anniversary (day/year) of whose death is this week (*denotes served at St. Paul's): Guy Francis Quinan* (11/20/1967), John J. Keating* (11/20/1975), Edward J. Lyons* (11/20/2000), Stephen F. McFarland* (11/21/1964), Robert J. Murphy (11/23/1979), Richard Russell Ryan (11/25/1995)

A Word from Servant of God, Father Isaac Hecker, CSP Founder of Paulists and 1st Pastor of our Parish
Surely all things in the Holy Church are good; but good when we keep in view the aim of all things-the bringing of the soul nearer and nearer to God, & in more perfect Union with Him. What does this for our soul, we should be faithful to; & not be led astray by taking up anything else. (From a letter to Mrs. King, 1863; PV, 167).

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for your generosity!

<u>Receipts:</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Sunday, November 13, 2011	\$10,389	\$15,758
Parish Pay	\$1,797	\$1,477

Readings for the Week of November 20, 2011

- Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
- 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: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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 _____

HOME/CELL NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

_____ Yes, send me weekly collection envelopes.

_____ Yes, send me information on contributing through ParishPay.