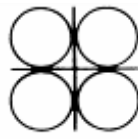


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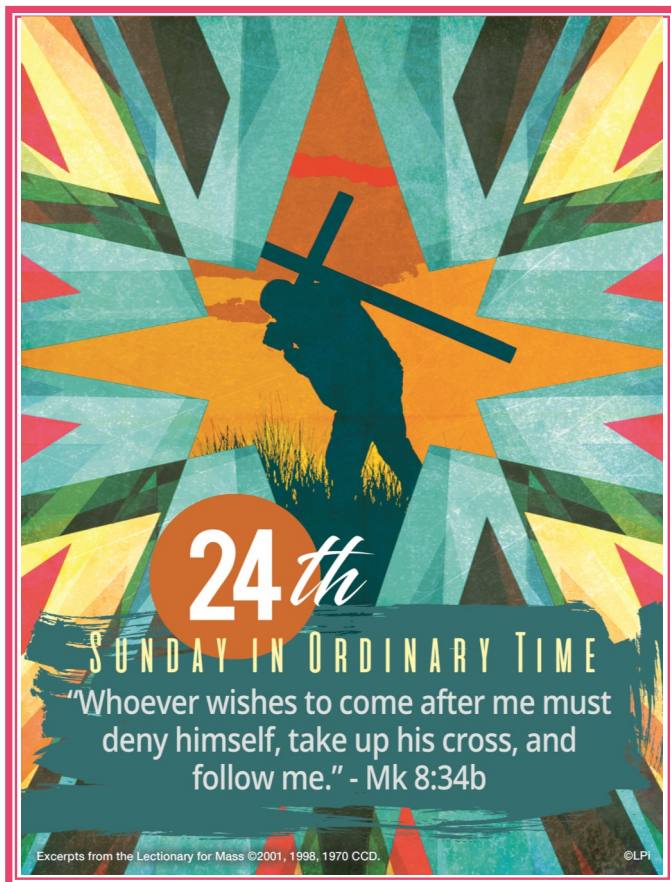


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

September 16, 2018 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Statement

St Paul's Parish Family exists for the purpose of witnessing and proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ, that message proclaimed in word, worship, service: love God, love your neighbor as yourself.



SEPTEMBER 16TH TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9A
Second Reading: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

SEPTEMBER 23RD TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12-17-20
Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3
Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Volunteer Opportunities

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We know the kids are coming, but we need **volunteers** to make it happen. Children's Liturgy volunteers are needed for both Sunday Masses. It is an easy and minimal commitment (every 5-6 weeks based on the number of volunteers). It involves taking the children downstairs to hear the scriptures in language they can understand. Everything is prepared for you. Please contact Kim Sbarra @ 671-2110 or kim.sbarra@dor.org. Please consider helping us with this important ministry that means a lot to the little ones of our community.

Jambo Java Cafe

Coffee and Donuts is scheduled to begin on September 30, but we can't do it without your help. Please sign up to help keep the coffee brewing at the Jambo Java Café. We encourage families to sign up. It's a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign up!**

Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Friday-Communion Service 8:30 a.m.

Individual Confession

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

9:30-11:30A Prayer Shawl
4:00P Individual Confession
5:00P Mass

Sunday, September 16

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

9:00A Mass
11:00A Mass
1:00P Confirmation Prep Year 1
Parent Candidate Mtg.

Monday, September 17

Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
10:00A Library Workday
7:00P Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.
7:00P WCC Mtg.

Tuesday, September 18

Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
9:15P Faith Sharing Group

Wednesday, September 19

Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
1:00P Grief Sharing Group

Friday, September 21

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Communion Service

Saturday, September 22

Weekday

4:00P Individual Confession
5:00P Mass

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We warmly welcome all new parishioners and visitors to St. Paul's. To register please fill out a "request for registration" form available at all church entrances. Return it to the collection box at the back of the church or to the parish office. A member of our pastoral staff will contact you to complete your registration.

Offertory Update	Actual	Target
September 1 & 2	\$5,859	
ACH/CC September 1 & 2	\$1,129	
September 8 & 9	\$8,541	
ACH/CC September 8 & 9	\$4,726	
YTD	\$97,649	\$116,325

Let us Pray for Those in the Military

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our time of need. Amen.

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
Zach Bartlett	Sean Black
Dakota Berthold	Bryan Gross
Alec Konrad	Shawn Reidy
Mason Serrano	Tom Weisenreder
Andrew Zani	Andrew O'Brien
Jay Riesenberger	Cydney Blong



This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Josephine Costanza
from
Paul & Donna Anastasi

Seeds for the Journey

We are living in a secularized society that continues to squeeze Christianity to the limits or completely out of engagement with Jesus and the Church. Baptized Catholics are being lost at an alarming rate. They are now considered former Catholics and most of them are "nones", a term used for people with no religious affiliation.

It is sad to report that children are leaving the Church after preparing for and celebrating the sacraments of initiation, and after years of Catholic School or religious education classes. Mass attendance is down. Those that make up the "nones" are roughly 23 % of the U.S. adult population.

Adults, especially young adults are more likely to say they have no religious affiliation than in past generations. Also those that are baptized and in Junior and Senior High are increasingly stopping to self-identify as Christians and grouping themselves among the "Nones."

It is amazing to me that even though we spend many years studying our faith it takes life experiences to understand the message of Jesus. We spend our life just scratching the surface. One of the exciting aspects of the Catholic Church tradition is that we have over 2,000 years of reflecting on the wonderful teachings of Christ and the experience of the disciples and have only begun to understand. Once in a while we come across people in our lives that show us a glimpse of how true faith is lived.

At the same time we are losing Catholics at an alarming rate, we are blessed with an incredibly generous group of faithful who are willing to serve as Catechists. This week we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of his or her Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It is a chance for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

"A catechist is a person who facilitates the process of faith formation, first by echoing the word of God in his or her own life and second by helping others to do so." (Joe Paprocki) All Christians are catechists in some way, whether as a parent, sibling, co-worker, or friend. And all Christians are also "students/disciples" as we continue to be formed in our faith throughout our lives in community with one another.

Faith is a great mystery we need to dwell with. We need to stay with it, live it, feel it, and never think that we have uncovered it all. The core of faith is believing, even when we don't see or know the answer. We can spend a lifetime with our faith without ever really grasping it. Conversion is a lifelong process.

This week we call forward those who have accepted the role as catechists for our children, youth, and adults to be commissioned and blessed for their ministry. Catechists share their faith, share their experience with God. They will take those in their responsibility on a faith journey and will walk with them along the pathway to a closer relationship with God. And, on that journey, they will also grow in their own faith.

We give thanks to God for these dedicated people who have stepped forward and said "Yes" to the call to serve our community in this special way. May this new year of faith be a time of renewal of a relationship with Jesus for all of us.

Kim

THE OPIOID CRISIS Affects Us All

If you, a loved one or a friend is struggling with addiction, or if you simply want to learn more, please join us on Monday October 1st, 7-9 p.m. in rooms 7 & 8, for an educational seminar and informative discussion. Representatives from **Catholic Family Center** and **Gates to Recovery** will be present to offer wisdom and support. Learn medical and social details of opioid addiction from professionals. Listen to personal testimonies from those directly affected. Understand the difficulties and the pathways to recovery. For more information contact *Deacon Mark* at mark.robbins@dor.org.

St. Paul's Annual Men's Retreat October 26th-28th



Why a Retreat? You enjoy days of rewarding change in a resort offering calm and quiet. You get away from your daily work, your daily responsibilities, your home problems as well as your business problems. You find yourself in a totally new environment offering an atmosphere of repose that immediately relaxes your tension and stresses. In peace and quiet, you have the rare opportunity for important thinking about decisions confronting you at home or in your business. It is also an emotionally healthy custom to give some thought to where you are in your spirituality, Christianity and your life's situation. In retreat you have the inducement for heartfelt prayer that brings the grace of God, which we all need to adjust to the realities of our life situation, and the strength to endure personal difficulties. You find yourself in the presence of God, bringing into focus God's plans for your life, and especially God's particular mission for you.

Our Retreat is a balanced program of conferences, group discussions, spiritual exercises and meditation time. Private talks with Redemptorist priests can be arranged. Every hour adds treasures of benefits. Good meals, snacks, casual atmosphere, beautiful surroundings, and opportunity to mingle with men from all walks of life add to the enjoyment. You must experience this process to realize how it will uplift your spiritual and physical life. This year's theme is:

Faith, Hope and Love... Come strengthen your roots so you might grow and bloom in your walk with Christ and others.

Suggested donation of \$150 covers it all. Driving directions will be given and carpooling can be formed. Let us answer your questions and make your reservations now. Contact your parish Men's Retreat Coordinator, Dan Milner at 208-6631 or visit notredameretreat.org

Liturgical Corner

A continuation of the Structure of the Eucharistic Celebration-Mass



Eucharistic Prayer

General Overview/Historical factors:

There is almost universal agreement that the origins of the Eucharistic prayer are to be found in a series of table prayers required at every Jewish meal. These assumed the greatest importance on such holy days as the feast of the Passover. Toward the beginning of the meal the father of the family or the presiding member of the community uttered a Jewish prayer of blessing, known in Hebrew as a *berakah*, which blessed or praised God. Holding the bread the presider prayed: "Blessed are you, Lord, our God, king of the world, who has brought the bread from heaven." The bread was then broken and distributed to those present. The various courses of the meal followed, with the Passover meal being distinguished by special foods, prayers, and recitation of the *haggadah* Proclamation/Jewish text that sets forth the order of Passover Seder). The latter interpreted the special meaning of the feast as one which made present God's liberating deeds of the past and applied their power to those celebrating the feast. Toward the end of the meal and over a cup of wine the presider said another though more solemn and extensive *berakah* (blessing) creation, especially the creation of life. The second was a thanksgiving for the whole which, after an initial dialogue, consisted of three sections. The first praised God for all history of salvation, i.e. for a desirable and ample land, for the covenant, for the law. The third section was a supplication that God's creative and redemptive action be continued and renewed, especially in the coming of the Messiah and in the restoration of the house of David. On certain festive occasions this section was expanded by a request that God accept the "remembrance" of His people, i.e. that God, ever faithful to his covenant, might continue to renew His great deeds.

Have You Read...

Kelly, Matthew
Resisting Happiness

If you have ever tried to accomplish anything worthwhile, then you've been face-to-face with resistance. Kelly defines resistance as the feeling of not wanting to do something you know is good for you and instead wanting to do something you know is not good for you. It is the tendency to delay something you should be doing right now. It stands between you and happiness. He asks us to think about the four words that embody the Christian life: "Thy will be done." He encourages us to invite God into the center of our decision-making process. To seek his will in all things. We should celebrate every time we break through resistance and choose to live the life God imagined for us. If we ever feel discouraged, we need to remember that every moment is a chance to start anew, a chance to turn it all around. (Call No. 158.1-KEL; "New Books" shelf)

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of the funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and make a difference.

Welcome to Confirmation Ministry

Classes begin Sunday, September 23 in Rooms 7-8

Year Two- 9:30-10:50am

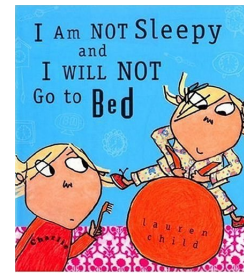
Year One- 12:10-1:30pm

If you have questions, contact Bonnie Serio at bonnie.serio@dor.org



Noah's Ark made a stop at the School of Awesome Religion. Patrick Mason with the help of Monica and Bryan Winkelman created this beautiful mural of Noah's Ark on one of the walls in the hallway of the School of Awesome Religion. Make sure you come take a look at it. It is right outside of Room 1. Thank you Patrick, Monica and Bryan for the great addition to SOAR.

For the Children



Child, Lauren

I Am Not Sleepy and I Will Not Go to Bed

In this entertaining bedtime tale, bedtime delayer, Lola, uses her imagination to stall ordinary bedtime rituals such as getting a drink, brushing teeth, taking a bath, putting on pajamas, and getting into bed. Lola's imagination is matched only by the patience of her big brother, Charlie, who is faced with the challenge of convincing Lola it is time for bed. E-CHI Ages 3-8.

Music for September 22 & 23 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



For The Healing Of Nations.....(*St. Thomas*).....No. 803
 We Are Called.....(*Haas-1998*).....No. 707
 The Servant Song.....(*Gillard 1977*).....No. 751
 The Church Of Christ.....(*O Waly Waly*).....No. 765

Readings: No. 1165

Psalm: 54...The Lord Upholds My Life: No. 1165



Our new faith-based bereavement support group begins this week. We will meet Thursdays from 1-2:30 pm in classroom 7. This 13 week program runs from September 20 until December 20 (with no meeting on Thanksgiving Day). Program brochures are available in the hallways. Contact Pastoral Associate Katherine Cappuccio, 671-2100 x24 to register or with questions. The registration fee of \$20 covers all sessions.

Ministry Schedule for September 22 & 23, 2018

	5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	T.J. Swinson Alyssa Bower	Massimo Picca Maggie Corriveau	Elena Martinez-Nobrega Lucy Rynkiewicz
Ushers	Arnie Read Joe Rizzo Chris Strait	Dan Milner Katie Milner Paul Fetter	Fred Compertore Marilyn Merrigan
Sacristans	Nancy Dillon	Pellittieri Family	Barr Family
Lectors Commentators	Anya Swinson David Oakes	Pete Pellittieri Jack Black	Kay Vargo Tim Thomas
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mark DeBacco Trisha DeBacco Janet Trippe Pat Thomas Christine Grant Sue Dettman	Jeannine Fulkerson Peter Pellittieri Marianne Ferrara Mary Catherine Zona Maureen Keegan Bill Galbraith	Jim Mattiucci Joanne Mattiucci Bill Green Michele Cheeseman Sandra Happ Janet Slusar
Greeters	Linda Pratt Kathryn Strait	Jerry Healey & Linda D'Antonio Jack Black	Pumputis Family
Linens	Pat Rotundo		

YOUTH
GROUP



seeking
volunteers to
help St. Paul's
mission to build
Disciples.

Contact Ellen Piper if you are interested and would like
more info.
ellen.piper@dor.org // 585-671-2100 x41

Youth Group Volunteers Needed!

Youth Group is starting soon and we are looking for a few people to commit to helping things run smoothly. Volunteers will need to be available for most of the times that Youth Group meets and will have to go through a brief training. Our mission in Youth Group is to build Disciples and we need help to do this! Please contact Ellen Piper if you are interested and would like more information Ellen.Piper@dor.org.

Are You Thinking About the Catholic Faith?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that consists of learning about the Catholic faith/church through instruction and group faith sharing, participation in rites/blessings and reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Here at St. Paul's, we usually meet once per week from Oct-May. Are you:

- A person who has not been baptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic?
- A baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn more about and possibly joining the Catholic Church?
- A baptized Roman Catholic who has never received Eucharist or Confirmation and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?

The Christian Initiation process offers an environment of support and guidance as you discover how God is working in your life. Is this process for you? Do you have a friend or neighbor who may be interested? For more information, contact Margaret Milner margaretm1@aol.com, or Deacon Mark mark.robbs@dor.org.