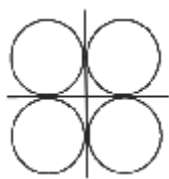


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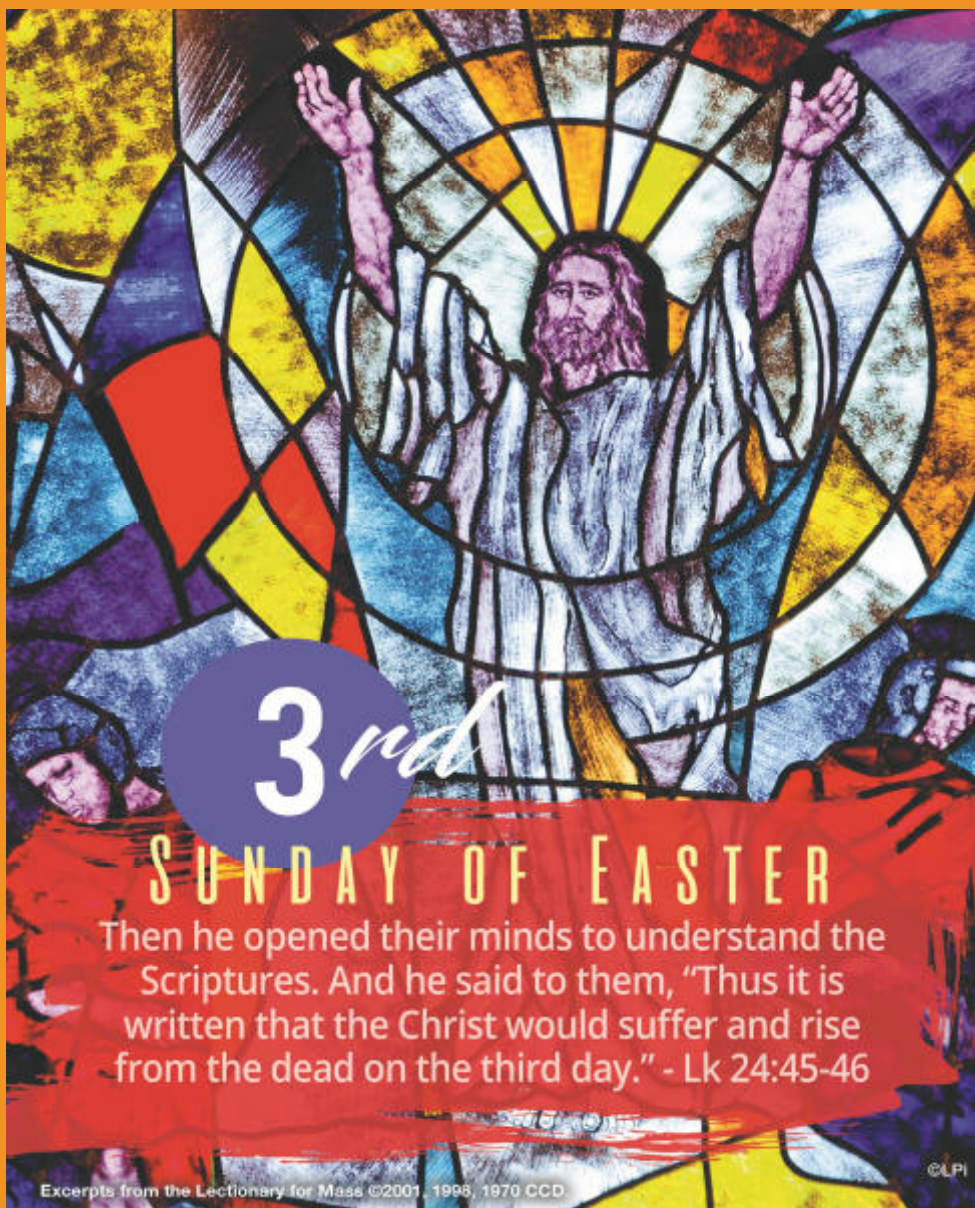


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**April 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter**

## 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.



**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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**Mass Times**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. &amp; 10:00 a.m.

**Confession**Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
or by appointment**Weekday Masses**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &  
Thursday at 8:30 a.m.**Adoration of the Blessed****Sacrament**

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

**Live Stream Mass via YouTube**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

**Parish Staff****Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau**Deacon:** Mark Robbins**Coordinator of Music:** Tom McGary x31**Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep Coordinator:****Business Manager:** Robin Martz x30**Facility Cleaning Coordinator:** Helen Stirpe**Maintenance Coordinator:** Ben O'Brien**Administrative Asst.:** Jodie Hickey x21**Finance Council Chair:** Tom Napoli**Parish Council Chair:** Scott Rutan**Parish Trustees:** Deb Urtz-Gleason & Dave Galeazzo**Multi Parish Finance Director:** Joan Sullivan: 671-1100 x21 joan.sullivan@dor.org

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**Office Contact Info**

The parish office is still closed to visitors, however we are in the office to answer phone calls on Monday-Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday &amp; Friday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

**Phone:** 671- 2100**Emergency Number:** 369-9687**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org**Financial Snapshot**

	March 2021	July 2020-March 2021
Collections	\$73,864	\$416,749
Donations/ other revenue	\$4,762	\$34,142
Expenses	\$34,227	\$409,797
Operating surplus/deficit	\$44,399	\$41,094

\*Collections for March includes several annual donations.

\*"Donations/other revenue" does not include CMA shortage donations of \$33,555 from challengers and donors.

\*Expenses include quarterly invoices paid in July, October, and January.

**Upcoming Events****Monday, April 19****Easter Weekday**

8:30A Mass

7:00P Zoom Parish Pastoral  
Council Mtg.**Tuesday, April 20****Easter Weekday**

8:30A Mass

**Wednesday, April 21****Easter Weekday**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament**Thursday, April 22****Easter Weekday**

8:30A Mass

7:00P Gospel of John Study  
Group via Zoom**Friday, April 23****Easter Weekday**

No Mass or events

**Saturday, April 24****Easter Weekday**2nd Collection: Catholic Home  
Mission Appeal

2:00P Individual Confession

4:00P Mass

**Sunday, April 25****4th Sunday of Easter**World Day of Prayer for  
Vocations2nd Collection: Catholic Home  
Mission Appeal

8:00A Mass

10:00A Mass

**Let Us Pray for Those in the  
Military**

Jason Aman

Zach Bartlett

Bryan Gross

Tom Weisenreder

Mason Serrano

Andrew Zani

Jay Riesenberger

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This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Mary LaClair  
From  
Mary Bates



## *Seeds for the Journey*

Reintroduction: You will have noticed that since Holy Week there is singing in the service. By now, all of you know, that the Diocese has not allowed congregational participation in the singing. One of the main reasons is that when singing we expel more air than when speaking. Also, until "herd immunity" is reached it does not appear that congregational singing will re-appear. During Holy Week the cantors agreed to join in a loose grouping to sing parts of the liturgy. All of the cantors (including me) have had their second shot. It seemed that the best way to begin is to sing parts that should always be sung: The responsorial psalm and alleluia. It seemed to be important to have the Gloria; Holy, Holy; the Our Father; and the Lamb of God recited. Also we chose to have a hymn sung at the beginning, a short hymn at the offertory, and a hymn during Communion. These hymns are being selected so that they support the liturgy for that Sunday (as in the past). As soon as it is permitted we will reintroduce the sung part of the Mass for the whole congregation. It seems that some parishes do not follow the guidelines of the Diocese, but it is this parish's view that better to be safe than take chances. I believe that by September congregational singing and choral singing will be back.

A refresher! Just a few words about the Entrance Hymn (or) Song. The opening or Entrance Hymn is not walking music for the celebrant. Its purpose is to (1) open the Eucharistic Celebration, (2) through the text to unify the people gathered together, (3) lead your thoughts to the mystery of the season or of the feast day, and finally (4) accompany the procession. As this is the reason for the Entrance Hymn or Song it should not be ended solely because the priest has reached the Altar. The Church documents state that The entrance song is sung alternately either by the choir and the congregation or by the cantor and the congregation; or it is sung entirely by the congregation or by the choir alone. So that is also one of the reasons for selection the entrance music during these times for the cantor alone, taking the place of the congregation, but still carrying the message of the liturgy. Notice the order of these purposes listed above: only lastly does this song serve as "walking music."

The preference in the Roman Rite is clearly given to singing an antiphon and psalm as the Opening Song. Few parishes embrace this ancient practice which has its roots in the procession of the pope (or bishop) to the church where Mass was to have been celebrated that day. And how does the Entrance Ceremony end? After the Entrance Song, the priest and the whole assembly make the sign of the cross. The Church's rubrics state Mass continues (with the sign of the cross and the greeting) only after the Entrance Song is completed. The congregation's first prayer of the liturgy should not end as soon as the priest arrives!

The Sacramentary presents us with three options for the Penitential Rite, all beginning with an introduction by the priest. Option A continues with the Confiteor, then, because this litany was not included in the text of the Confiteor, the "Lord, have mercy" is prayed alternately by the priest and congregation. Option B also has an unchanging form: "Lord, we have sinned against you: Lord, have mercy." "Lord, have mercy." "Lord, show us your mercy and love." "And grant us your salvation." Then follows the absolution. Option C is the one in which the priest or deacon develops original invocations prior to each petition of "Lord, have mercy" or "Christ, have mercy." The people respond appropriately. The priest (not the deacon) then offers absolution. I bet you knew all of this! But take this as a refresher! Amen dico vobis!

*Tom*



We have wonderful volunteers who assist with the logistics of Mass – ushers, greeters, Communion helpers, stream team, lectors and cantors. As we add back another Sunday mass, we need more volunteers. If you are willing, please consider helping by volunteering for one of these ministries. The jobs are varied but all are important. Please contact Jodie to discuss what you may best be suited for.

### Second Collection

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your support of this appeal helps Dioceses in the United States meet these faith formation and sacramental needs of their communities.

If you wish to support this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Catholic Relief Services" in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.

### Mother's Day Flowers

We invite you to make a donation towards the purchase of plants and flowers to decorate the church, in memory or honor of your loved ones, for Mother's Day.

Please make your check payable to "St. Paul's Church" and mark your donation "Mother's Day Flowers" and include **who the donation is in memory of**; we will list them in the bulletin on Mother's Day. Please have your requests to the office **by Monday, May 3rd**.

You can also request a Mother's Day flower memorial on our website! Use the "Donate" link. There will be a text box to enter who you wish the flowers to be in memory /honor of. Please note there is a 50 character limit, if you can't fit everyone in please call or email us and we can adjust. Questions? Please contact Jodie or Robin at 671-2100 or email at [jodie.hickey@dor.org](mailto:jodie.hickey@dor.org) or [robin.martz@dor.org](mailto:robin.martz@dor.org).

### Confirmation



Congratulations to our young people listed below, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Lawrence Church!

Please know that we are praying for you as you continue your journey of faith as mature sons and daughters of God within the Body of Christ. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide each of you according to the path that God has set out for your life. Watch, listen, and pray, because God will give you signs, directives, and promptings to help you discern His will. Remember that it is only within and through His will that you will be truly happy in life.

Parents and sponsors, please accept our sincere gratitude for your constancy and support throughout all the preceding years of your children's faith formation experience. You are beautiful examples of lives lived within the spirit of our Catholic faith, and you have been the best witnesses of how this is done faithfully, yet practically.

<i>Ava Blunt</i>	<i>Erin Nelson</i>
<i>Ryan Carlin</i>	<i>Camren Ottina</i>
<i>Giuliana DiTullio</i>	<i>Sawyer Peters</i>
<i>Liam Ernst</i>	<i>Ryan Parody</i>
<i>Taylor Fischer</i>	<i>Michael Prentice</i>
<i>Daniella Gibson</i>	<i>Joseph Presutti</i>
<i>Michael Heller</i>	<i>Catherine Rogers</i>
<i>Rose Marie Inzinga</i>	<i>Margaret Rynkiewicz</i>
<i>Olivia Jagoda</i>	<i>Jonah Schichtel</i>
<i>Aiden Keaton</i>	<i>Luke Spadoni</i>
<i>Emerson Kleaka</i>	<i>Shane Talbot</i>
<i>Sean Meyers</i>	<i>Carter Warren</i>



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

The author of life you put to death,  
but God raised him from the dead; of this we are  
witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

### PSALM:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4) Or Alleluia.

### SECOND READING:

He is expiation for our sins,  
and not for our sins only but for those of the whole  
world. (1 Jn 2:2)

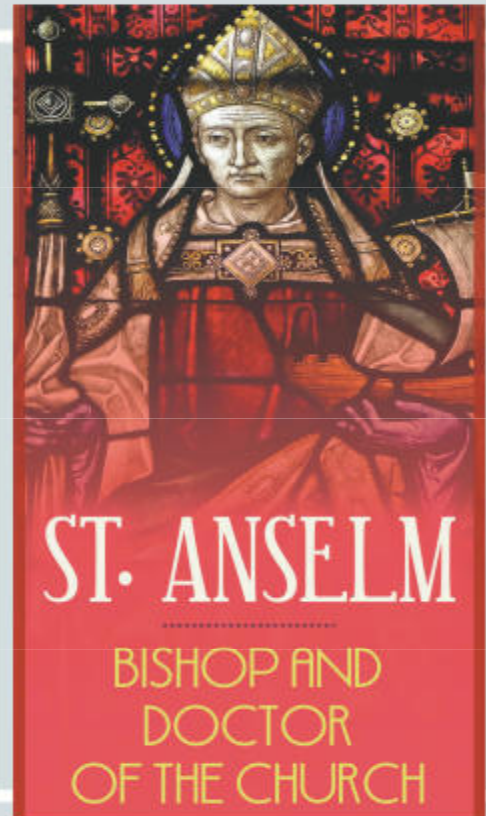
### GOSPEL:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer  
and rise from the dead on the third day  
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,  
would be preached in his name." (Lk 24:46-47)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter  
Wednesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;  
Administrative Professionals' Day  
Thursday: Earth Day  
Friday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr  
Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr  
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

In publicly bearing witness to Jesus' resurrection, Peter urged the people to repent of their sin of ignorance and their denial of Jesus. How does Jesus' resurrection from the dead inspire you to repentance?

### SECOND READING

John teaches his community that the key to avoiding sin is to follow Jesus' commandments. What do you find challenging in this seemingly simple and clear instruction?

### GOSPEL READING

Luke tells us that the resurrected Jesus opened the minds of the disciples "to understand the Scriptures" and see how his suffering, death, and resurrection was connected to repentance and forgiveness of sins. What tools do you use to better understand our faith?

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**Deborah Housel**

585-328-3228 x1555

Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177 x 1555

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1150 Buffalo Road—Rochester, NY 14624



### CMA Shortage Update

*"A gift opens the way and ushers in the giver into  
the presence of the great." PV 18:16*

**We made it!** As of April 12, we have exceeded  
our CMA Shortage Challenge goal of \$20,000!  
Thank you to all for your generous response to  
our appeal. Our church is certainly blessed to  
have such giving parishioners!

These donations are being matched by our Chal-  
lengers. We had a few others offer to join the  
group so this will eliminate our shortage!

If you have any questions, please contact Robin in  
the office at 672-2100 Ext 30. Thank you!

### St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council

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St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council encourages you to  
share your questions and ideas with them. Contact  
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