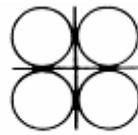


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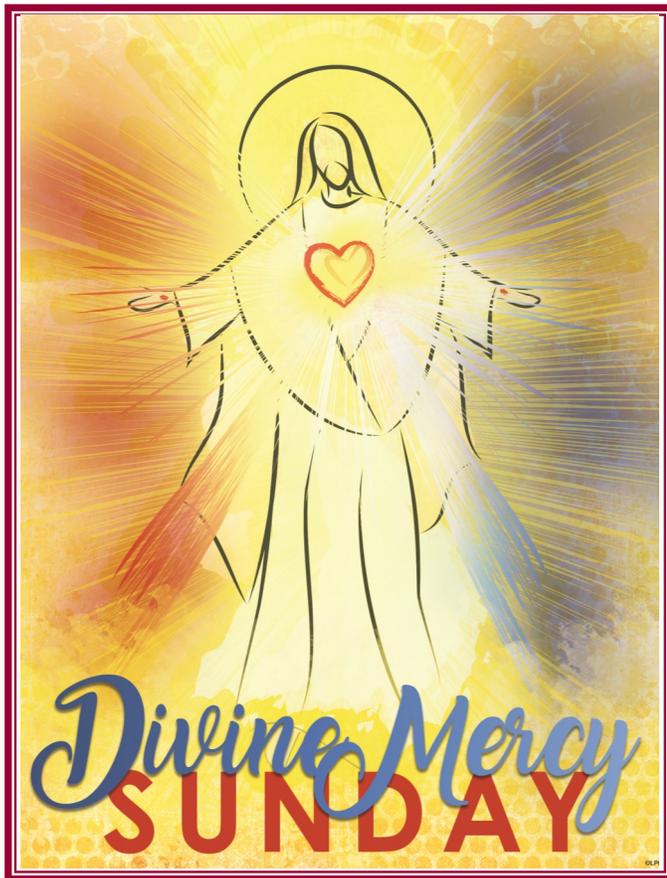


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

April 28, 2019 Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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.



APRIL 28TH SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

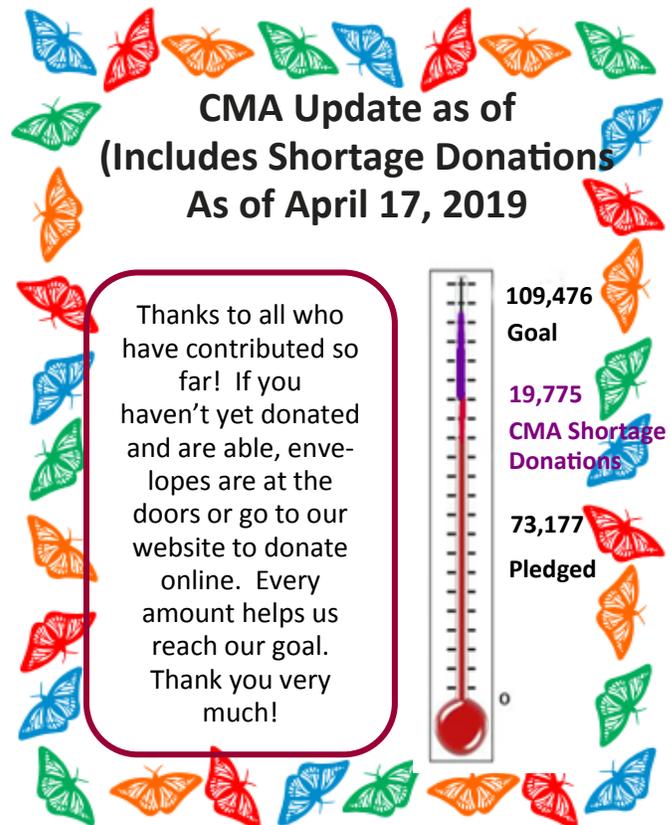
Gospel: John 20:19-31

MAY 5TH THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19



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

Saturday, April 27

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions

Monthly Food Collection

4:00P Confession

5:00P Mass

Sunday, April 28

2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions

9:00A Mass-CLOW

9:00A Baptism of Rory Glenn Gaffney

9:30A Confirmation Prep Yr. 2

11:00A Mass-CLOW

12:10P Confirmation Prep Yr. 1

12:15P Baptismal Prep

6:00P Youth Group

Monday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:00A Rosary

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, April 30

Easter Weekday

8:00A Rosary

8:30A Mass

1:15P Faith Sharing Group

7:00P RCIA

Wednesday, May 1

Easter Weekday

8:00A Rosary

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Make-up Confirmation at Sacred Heart Cathedral

7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00A Rosary

8:30A Mass

9:00A Vac Pac

Friday, May 3

Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

St. Peter's Soup Kitchen

8:00A Rosary

8:30A Communion Service

Saturday, May 4

Easter Weekday

4:00P Confession

5:00P Mass-Baptism of Connor

James Cappuccio

5:00P First Holy Communion

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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 donations slot 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
April 13 & 14	\$7,585	
ACH/CC April 13 & 14	\$1,193	
April 20 & 21	\$7,401	
ACH/CC April 20 & 21	\$2,559	
YTD	\$451,048	\$454,725

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

Daniel Thomas

Michael J. Desiato



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Steve Schulz From Mary Ann & Family

Seeds for the Journey...from Deacon Mark

One of the greatest examples of forgiveness in our lifetime is that of Pope John Paul II who, both publicly and privately, forgave the man who tried to kill him – Mehmet Ali Ağca. After surgery to repair the damage done to his body by the bullets, the first words spoken by the Pope were, *“pray for my brother Ağca ... whom I have sincerely forgiven.”* Appropriately, the picture of Blessed John Paul talking face to face with Ağca in his prison cell has become an icon of forgiveness for people of all faiths.

I mention this act of mercy by Blessed John Paul because it was he who established the feast of Divine Mercy on the day (April 30th 2000) that he canonized Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. More specifically, the feast was established in response to Jesus himself who, on numerous occasions, revealed to Saint Faustina his desire that the Sunday after Easter be set aside as a day dedicated to the Divine Mercy.

According to the diary of Saint Faustina, these are words communicated to her by Jesus:

“The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.... The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.” (Diary 699)

Accordingly, we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy this weekend as a reminder to us of God's infinite mercy and to encourage us to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Easter is a season during which we celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death and the corresponding hope of our own resurrection to eternal life. Ultimately, though, our hope for resurrected life is bound up in the fact that our sins have been forgiven through the mercy of the risen Christ. As Blessed John Paul once stated, Divine Mercy is *“...the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity...”* Easter, then, is a season in which we celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness. That celebration includes a commitment to live a life of forgiveness, as we repeat our baptismal vows on Easter Sunday and bathe ourselves with water from the baptismal font throughout the Easter season.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples (and us), *“as the Father has sent me, so I send you.”* He then follows that with a command to forgive. Essentially, Jesus invited his disciples to live the life he lived – a life of mercy and compassion in which we offer forgiveness to all those who hurt us. To be a disciple, then, is to let the love and forgiveness of Jesus be our mindset, i.e., our way of life, even when it involves those who hurt us intentionally.

The gift of forgiveness (mercy) is perhaps the hardest gift for a Christian to offer. Moreover, Jesus says we are to forgive, not just once or even seven times, but seven times seventy. In other words, we are to forgive without limits, as Jesus forgives us, no matter who it is or what they have done to us. That, we know, is easier said than done. But keep in mind that forgiveness does not negate justice, excuse behavior, or remove accountability. Rather, it sets us free from the prison of anger, resentment, judgment, guilt, shame, and fear. Mercy and forgiveness open the door of our hearts to God's healing love, setting us free to share that love with others.

In his revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus stated that we should never be afraid to draw near to his Mercy. That is an attitude that Blessed John Paul exuded as he frequently used the phrase, *“don't be afraid,”* in his homilies and writings. On this feast of the Divine Mercy may we never be afraid to listen to the voice of the Spirit who gives us the strength, the grace, and the courage, to reach out to one another with love and forgiveness; and may we never be afraid to open our hearts to the mercy of the risen Christ.



Calling All Volunteers!

Many of you selflessly volunteer your time and talent to make St Paul's the vibrant community that it is. In appreciation for this, the parish staff is hosting a **Volunteer Appreciation Pizza Party** on Saturday, May 18th at 6:00 (after the 5:00 pm Mass).

We are not sending formal invitations as we don't want to miss anyone. But if you have volunteered in any way for St. Paul's: usher, counter, baker, sacristan, bulletin stuffer, catechist, server, musician, lector, committee member, and many others: you are invited!

The only thing we ask is that you **please let us know you are coming** so we can ensure we have enough food. Either sign up on the bulletin board outside the music room or call us at 671-2100 or email Jodie.

Thanks for all you do for us and hope to see you there!

Congratulations!

Please join us in congratulating and praying for the Confirmation class of 2019! These young men and women have worked very hard to prepare themselves for this last Sacrament of Initiation! We look forward to their involvement, their witness of faith and their leadership in our parish. We pray that the Holy Spirit will always provide them with guidance, protection and inspiration.



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| Hailey Blunt | Aberyn Parulski |
| Trevor Dertinger | David Petz |
| Allaina Donnelly | Maresa Rinaldi |
| Brennan Gallatin | Ella Rynkiewicz |
| Kyler Green | Emma Spadoni |
| Ashley LeClaire | Meghan Trevett |
| Grace Mancuso | Haley Warren |
| Meridyth McRae | Leah Wirley |

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.

There are envelopes by the doors. 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 6th**.

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 or robin.martz@dor.org.



**Fr. Paul's Silver Jubilee
Mass and Reception**

Sunday, June 2 at 4:00 PM
Save the date!

Did You Know??

The tax law allows individuals who are 70 ½ and older to make contributions directly from their individual retirement account (IRA) to a qualified charity. These qualified charitable contributions (Charitable Rollovers) are income tax free for the donor. St. Paul Church and the Catholic Ministries Appeal are qualified charities for purposes of the charitable rollover rules. Please consult your income tax advisor to see if this might benefit you.

Hope House Diaper Drive
May 18 & 19
Sponsored by the
Good Sam Outreach Committee

Hope House is in need of disposable diapers (sized 4 and up), Pull-Ups, baby wipes and laundry detergent. Donations will be collected one weekend only in bins in the church hall.



Have You Read...

Weems, Renita J.
Just a Sister Away
(A Womanist Vision of Women's Relationships in the Bible)

This is a celebration of relationships of biblical women that still connect women today across class, culture, race, and time. Written with African-American women in mind, it is an attempt to probe beneath the surface of the biblical texts to discover a place for everyone in the Kingdom. We understand the story of Mary and Martha when we hear from the perspective of each woman. When Elizabeth and Mary were each singled out by God as mothers of redemption, each of those blessings brought its own lesson. Despite differences of time, culture, lifestyles, and attitudes, biblical women were compelled by the same passions as we are—love, compassion, hope, jealousy, and fear. The women, sometimes perfectly, other times imperfectly, loved God and one another. (Call No, 220.9-WEE)

Thank you for the overwhelming response to our Good Sam Outreach Lenten Food Drive! We collected more jars, boxes, and bags of food than ever before! Our recipients Hope House, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, the Williamson Come-Unity Center, Sister Regis Food Cupboard and the Webster Backpack program were very grateful. Thanks again!



For the Children



Brown, Peter
The Curious Garden

This is the story of a young boy who discovers a patch of nature along an abandoned set of railroad tracks in a neglectful urban world. With his nurturing curiosity, Liam coaxes the patch into a lush garden which ends up growing along the path of the railway. His efforts stray farther into the city. Others take notice and eventually, over many years, "the city had blossomed." The author includes a note about his observations of nature yearning within city limits and about his curiosity of "what would happen if an entire city decided to truly cooperate with nature." The illustrations are engaging and fully develop the idea of getting back to nature.
 E BRO Kindergarten - Grade 6



Nominations for Pastoral Council Needed

The council is seeking nominations for positions opening up, in the Fall of 2019 for a 3 year term. The council meets the 3rd Monday of every month . Please consider yourself or a fellow parishioner for a seat on the council to help shape the future of the St. Paul's community. Nominations will be accepted through April 28 in the ballot box located in the front hallway. Thank you!!



Crop Walk 2019
Sunday, May 5th at 1:30 p.m.
North Ponds Park



St. Paul's welcomes the newest member of our faith community
Rory Glenn Gaffney

Ministry Schedule for May 4 & 5, 2019

	5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	Hannah Brodt Maggie Corriveau	Brayden Piwko Margaret Milner	Lucy Rynkiewicz Bella Pumptis
Ushers	Arnie Read Joe Rizzo Chris Strait	Dan Milner Katie Milner Paul Fetter	Fred Compertore Marilyn Merrigan
Sacristans	Olbrich Family	Turner Family	Jean Huber
Lectors Commentators	David Swinson Toni Lynn Swinson	Josephine Cozzo Michael Lyons	Jann Armantrout Jean Benedetto
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bill Polito Lauren Polito Christine Grant Pat Thomas Liz Kmiecinski Kevin Nuwer	Peter Pellittieri Pat Amedeo Jack Black Marianne Ferrara Margaret Milner Craig Lippolis	Anne LaClair Christopher Koppen Gina McNamara Larry McNamara Ellen Santora Fred Compertore
Greeters	Bill Galbraith Ron Cimino Volunteer Needed	Deb Urtz-Gleason Pat Amedeo Jean VanApeldoorn	Anne LaClair Barb Rehberg Volunteer Needed
Linens	Cathy Viola		
CLOW		Cristina Picca	Jann Armantrout

**VBS 2019
July 15-19**

Sign up today! Registration forms are on the bulletin board or register on our website. Click on VBS under the Faith Formation tab.

“Whoo’s” Looking for a Good Book?

The John Walsh Library has several new additions to our church's book collection. Stop in and check one out! New additions can be found on the cart near the window.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel
585-328-3228 x1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177 x 1555
Or by email, victimassistance@dor.org

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DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER**

Any concerns related to financial fraud can be reported anonymously:

**Financial Fraud Hotline
1-800-388-7177 x1266**

Reports may also be made in writing to:
Internal Audit Department—Diocese of Rochester
1150 Buffalo Road—Rochester, NY 14624