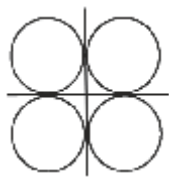


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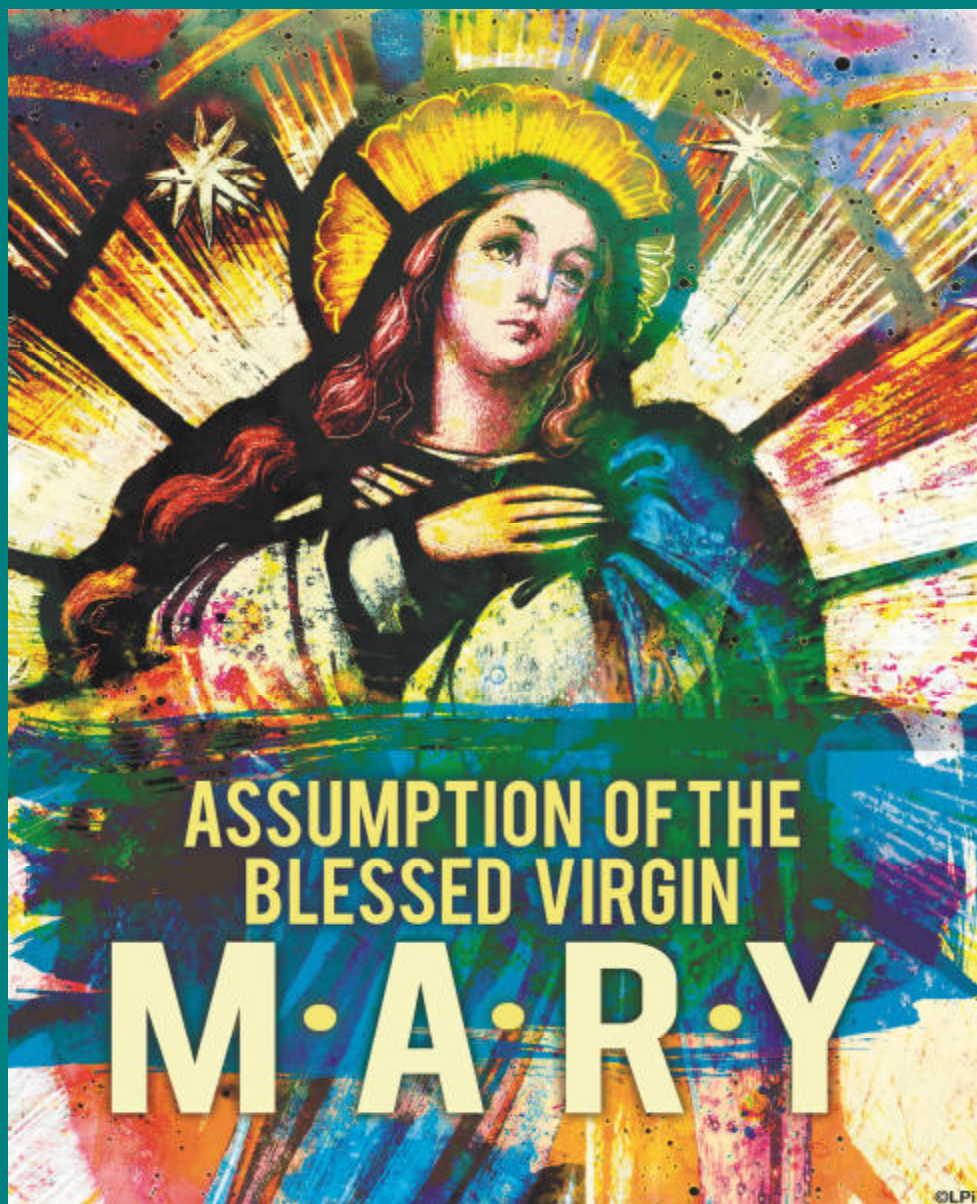


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**August 15, 2021 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

## 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.



**Mass Times**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. &amp; 11:00 a.m.

**Confession**

Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.

or by appointment

**Weekday Masses**

Weekday Masses are cancelled  
through August 19th

**Adoration of the Blessed****Sacrament**

Adoration is cancelled through  
August 19th.

**Live Stream Mass via YouTube**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday (closed for the lunch hour  
from 12:00-12:45 p.m.) Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Open for visitors daily 8:00 a.m. to Noon

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

	July 2021	July 2021-July 2021
Collections	\$36,551	\$36,551
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,349	\$2,349
Expenses	\$62,441	\$62,441
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(23,541)	\$(23,541)

July begins a new fiscal year!

Expenses include quarterly invoices paid.

**UPCOMING EVENTS!****Monday, August 16****Weekday**

No Mass

**Tuesday, August 17****Weekday**

No Mass

**Wednesday, August 18**

No Mass &amp; No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday, August 19****Weekday**

No Mass

**Friday, August 20****Parish Office Closed at Noon**

No Mass or events

**Saturday, August 21****St. Pius X, Pope**

9:30A Prayer Shawl Mtg.

2:00P Individual Confession

4:00P Mass

**Sunday, August 22****21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00A Mass

11:00A Mass



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This week the  
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## *Seeds for the Journey*

### **Mary's Battle Cry for Justice**

In today's Gospel we are treated to Mary's hymn of praise to God for the wondrous work he is accomplishing within her, body and soul. Mary's words erupt spontaneously from her heart when she is called blessed by her cousin Elizabeth, the expectant mother of John the Baptist.

Mary's praise to God is not premeditated; she is the orator of strong, passionate, bold words that dare to predict a just future, a "reversal of fortune," when the oppressed shall be lifted up and the powerful cast down. Recognizing the revolutionary nature of Mary's song, the German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, before being executed by the Nazis, spoke these words in a sermon during Advent 1933:

*"The song of Mary is the oldest Advent hymn. It is at once the most passionate, the wildest, one might even say the most revolutionary Advent hymn ever sung. This is not the gentle, tender, dreamy Mary whom we sometimes see in paintings.... This song has none of the sweet, nostalgic, or even playful tones of some of our Christmas carols. It is instead a hard, strong, inexorable song about the power of God and the powerlessness of humankind."*

It is understandable, then, that throughout history marginalized people have identified with Mary's song while their oppressors and abusers have banned it for being subversive. When the British ruled India, they forbade the Magnificat to be recited in the Catholic churches. During the 1980s, the Guatemalan government feared that recitation of the Magnificat was emboldening the Guatemalan poor to believe that change was possible and that it was coming, so they banned the public recitation of Mary's song.

In Argentina, during the late 1970s and into the 1980s, the "Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo"—whose children were "disappeared" by the ruling military junta that terrorized Argentineans with unspeakable human rights abuses—protested every week in the public square in front of the presidential palace in Buenos Aires. They carried their revolutionary cry on posters: *"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant...."* The junta's response was to outlaw any public display of the Magnificat.

What are they all so afraid of? They are afraid of the power of Mary, whose soul magnifies the Lord.

Be afraid, because Mary also empowers.



*Sue*

## School of Religion (SOR) Needs You!

Have you been looking for a ministry that would allow you to share your faith and help guide children in their faith formation? St. Paul's SOR is in need of K-1 and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Catechists for Sunday classes from September 26, 2021 until May 1, 2022.

No experience required. Full support provided with materials and teaching guides is given.

Prayerfully consider joining this ministry to help continue the desire of children to learn about the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Please feel free to email Helen at [helen.stirpe@dor.org](mailto:helen.stirpe@dor.org) or call 671-2110 with questions or interest.

*We need*  
**YOUR HELP!**

**Stream Team** – manage streaming of the Masses and also the display of the prayers and readings on the screens in church. More volunteers needed so that we can live stream 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

**Ushers** – assist folks in finding a seat, awareness of congregational needs during mass, help with coming up for Communion, assist during dismissal.

**Greeters** – welcome people entering the building, hand out bulletins at the end of Mass.

**Cantors** – sing the prayers and refrains

**Lectors** – do the readings and make announcements

**Health Ministry** - licensed health professionals needed to assist with blood pressure screenings and to convey health information to the congregation.

These are just brief descriptions, for more information on any volunteer job please contact Jodie in the office at 671-2100 and she can help you or direct you to the right person. No experience is necessary, training is provided!

## Prayer Shawls Available

The talented members of St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry have knit and crochet many beautiful prayer shawls in assorted colors, shapes and sizes. If you know of someone who is in need of the comfort of a prayer shawl, please call and we will have one ready for you. The office is open to visitors Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



## St. Paul's Men's Retreat Weekend September 24-26 Notre Dame Retreat House Canandaigua, NY

### "Finding God in Life's Transitions"

Come and explore how to find God in the midst of life's graces and challenges. We all experience transitions throughout our lives, especially within this past year and a half. How we cope with the unexpected, how we discern 'what next', and how we draw strength and wisdom from others will be the focus of the talks and prayer experiences throughout the retreat weekend. Give yourself the gift of retreat this year. To learn more about this weekend retreat and to register please contact Dan Milner at 208-6631 or [milnerair@gmail.com](mailto:milnerair@gmail.com)



## Confirmation 2021-2022 Registration Is Open!

Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will meet on site at St Paul's this year (for as long as we can!) on Sunday mornings, beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please visit our website at [stpaulsrcc.org](http://stpaulsrcc.org) for more details, the class and event schedule, and to register. For questions or for more information, contact Sue Ward at 585-671-2100 ext. 27 or [susan.ward@dor.org](mailto:susan.ward@dor.org). See you in September!

**St. Paul's School of Religion  
2021-2022  
Welcomes You...**



**Registration is OPEN For Grades K-7**

SOR will be back in session September 25th & 26th. This year the Diocese has included grades 6 & 7 in the SOR program replacing Youth Group.

**Grades K-6:** Faith Formation (SOR) classes will begin on Sunday September 26, 2021 continuing with remote at home learning overseen by a volunteer teacher (Catechist) who will contact you directly to set up times for class via Zoom.

**Grade 2:** In addition to Faith Formation (SOR), there will be 2 books to study with parents for preparing to receive the **Sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Penance** (Reconciliation or Confession) and **1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist** (Holy Communion).

**Grade 7:** Faith Formation (SOR) will begin on Saturday September 25, 2021 with on-site learning from 3-4pm with a volunteer teacher (Catechist). Room 6 is set up with chairs distanced and masks will be required.

**Please visit [stpaulsrcc.org](http://stpaulsrcc.org) to register and pay by September 1st.** Registration and payment for SOR will be under the Faith Formation Tab. Registration and payment for Sacraments will be under the Sacrament Tab.

Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at [helen.stirpe@dor.org](mailto:helen.stirpe@dor.org) or 585-671-2110.

Thank you for being the essential component in helping to build your child's faith.

We look forward to seeing your child/children in September!!



# Giving Options

**Drop your offering in the donation box or slot as you leave church.**



**Go to our website ([stpaulsrcc.org](http://stpaulsrcc.org)) and click on the GIVING tab**

**Send us a check through your own Bank's BILL PAY feature.**



**Mail your envelope to:  
St. Paul Church  
783 Hard Road  
Webster, NY 14580**



**Questions?  
Call Robin in the office  
at 671-2100 X30**

**Thank you!**

## Bethany House Wish List for August

- ◆ Sponges
- ◆ Bathroom cleaner
- ◆ Garbage bags
- ◆ Toilet Cleaner
- ◆ Countertop cleaner
- ◆ Disinfectant cleaner



Please place your donations (in a paper bag) in the collection box in the Narthex during Mass. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations to Bethany House at the end of the month.



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,  
with the moon beneath her feet,  
and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Rev 12:1)

### PSALM:

The queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)

### SECOND READING:

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
(1 Cor 15:20)

### GOSPEL:

"From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name." (Lk 1:48-49)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15, 2021

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Monday: St. Stephen of Hungary  
Tuesday: St. John Eudes, Priest  
Wednesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church  
Thursday: St. Pius X, Pope  
Friday: St. Pius X, Pope  
Saturday: St. Pius X, Pope  
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOR NOTHING  
WILL BE  
IMPOSSIBLE  
FOR GOD.

LUKE 1:37



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

We hear in Proverbs how we are called to participate in divine wisdom. Who do you see as a wisdom figure in your life?

### SECOND READING

Paul sees one pathway to wisdom is to avoid evil, ignorance, and drunkenness, and be filled rather with gratitude. For what in your life should you be grateful?

### GOSPEL READING

How do you understand Jesus' assertion: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

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