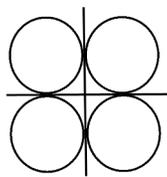


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

August 2, 2020 Eighteenth 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.

BLESSING



He said the blessing,
broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples.

MATTHEW 14:19c



Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Confession

Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.
 or by appointment

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Parish Staff



Pastor: Fr. Paul Gitau
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Faith Formation & Youth Coordinator: Sue Ward 671-2110
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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 & 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

	June 2020	July 2019 - June 2020
Collections	\$29,970	\$526,924
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,665	\$84,467
Expenses	\$(38,988)	\$(600,035)
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(6,353)	\$11,356

YTD collections include Christmas collection of \$16,938 and Easter collection \$10,922.

St. Paul Church relies on the generous contributions of our parishioners to continue providing the programs and ministries of the parish.



Lots of additional information is available on **St. Paul's web site**, stpaulsrcc.org. Below are a few important items you might want to check out:

- Sign up weekly to attend weekend Mass
- Watch Sunday Mass live streaming on Facebook
- Read the weekly bulletin
- Donate online
- Contact a staff member
- Explore the Family Zone Newsletter

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military



Jason Aman
Zach Bartlett
Bryan Gross
Tom Weisenreder
Mason Serrano
Andrew Zani
Jay Riesenberger

Josh Bartlett
Sean Black
Andrew O'Brien
Cydney Blong
Michael J. Desiato
Daniel Thomas



Seeds for the Journey

Do you know we have mass on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and thereafter the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration and Benediction? Back in 2012, Jack (now deceased) and Lisa came to my office and requested if we could start Adoration. I told them yes on condition that they don't expect me to stay there the whole hour. We agreed Wednesdays is the best day. I told them that after mass I will be placing the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance on the altar, let other people adore while I go to my office to do some jobs and then after one hour come back to put the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

Come the first Wednesday, I put the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance on the altar. Decided to pray for just few minutes before I leave the church to go to my office; but I realized as much as I wanted to leave, I could not move. Something was compelling me to stay and I heard an inner voice telling me, "there is no other business more important than praying in the presence of Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist." I ended up spending the whole hour and from that day my devotion to the Blessed Sacrament was strengthened. Since then, this Holy Hour has become my best time of Scripture readings, meditation, listening to the Lord and praying for my relatives, friends and St. Paul's parishioners. When I incense the Blessed Sacrament and see the smoke rising towards heaven, I know the Lord has received our prayers of adoration, praise, petition, worship and thanksgiving.

There are two ways we worship Our Lord in the Eucharist: by actively participating in the mass and by Eucharistic Adoration. "Eucharistic Adoration is a privileged time to ponder the tremendous mystery of Christ's self-giving love we celebrate at mass. Adoring Jesus in the Eucharist draws us deeper into the Paschal Mystery, strengthening our desire to share in the death and resurrection of the Lord" wrote Marie Paul Curley, in his book *Life for the World: A Way of Eucharistic Adoration for Today* page 6. Marie says that Adoration of Christ in the Eucharist is not a substitute for the mass, but a way to deepen our living of mass in all its fullness. Our Adoration should lead us back to mass, better prepared to appreciate its meaning and beauty. Bishop Robert Barron says, "The Mystical Body of Christ is formed and enhance by the Eucharist." The Vatican II *Lumen gentium*, # 11 says that the Eucharist is "the source and summit" of our Christian life.

Marie writes, "Many people have found healing, wholeness, and fulfillment by praying in the presence of the Eucharistic Jesus. The gift of the Eucharist is an amazing manifestation of God's great desire to be close to you. Deepening your connection with Jesus in the Eucharist is a special way to grow closer to the Lord who loves you so much" (page 5). Our Patron, St. Paul has assured us that nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus Our Lord" (Romans 8:39). In today's Gospel Mt. 14:13-21, we have seen the love of God in action as He cures the sick and provides food in abundance to satisfy not only physical but also spiritual hunger. Bishop Barron said that the miracle of the multiplication of loaves is an archetype of the sacred meal of Eucharist. Since the Eucharistic Celebration is the highest or supreme form of prayer, we should strive to come to St. Paul's Church to participate in the mass weekly or even daily and also Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays.

Fr. Paul

Saint John Vianney's Story

Feast Day: August 4, 2020

A man with vision overcomes obstacles and performs deeds that seem impossible. John Vianney was a man with vision: He wanted to become a priest. But he had to overcome his meager formal schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies.

His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue. But his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained.

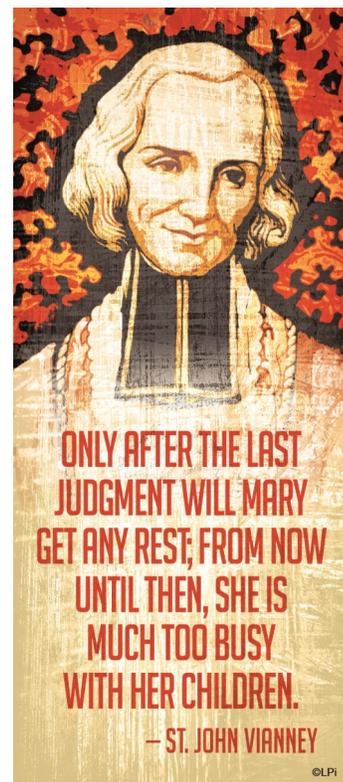
Situations calling for "impossible" deeds followed him everywhere. As pastor of the parish at Ars, John encountered people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep.

With Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lardet, he established La Providence, a home for girls. Only a man of vision could have such trust that God would provide for the spiritual and material needs of all those who came to make La Providence their home.

His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months he was to spend 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months this time was increased to 16 hours. Unless a man was dedicated to his vision of a priestly vocation, he could not have endured this giving of self day after day.

Many people look forward to retirement and taking it easy, doing the things they always wanted to do but never had the time. But John Vianney had no thoughts of retirement. As his fame spread, more hours were consumed in serving God's people. Even the few hours he would allow himself for sleep were disturbed frequently by the devil.

Who, but a man with vision, could keep going with ever-increasing strength? In 1929, Pope Pius XI named him the patron of parish priests worldwide.



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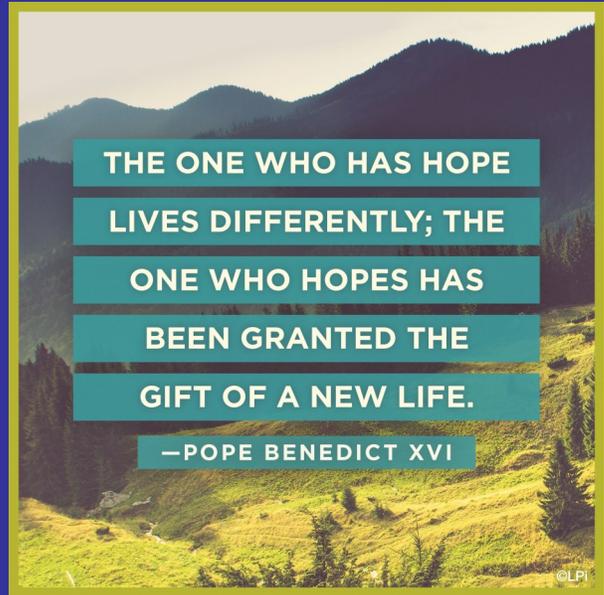
Joke of the Day!

Who Makes the Coffee?

Early one morning, a husband and wife were playfully arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally, the wife folded her arms and said decidedly, "You have to make the coffee. It's in the Bible!"

The husband was shocked. "Is not! Show me!"

Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it to the New Testament and declared, "It says right here — HEBREWS!"



THE ONE WHO HAS HOPE

LIVES DIFFERENTLY; THE

ONE WHO HOPES HAS

BEEN GRANTED THE

GIFT OF A NEW LIFE.

—POPE BENEDICT XVI

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

Roman Catholic 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

Webster Backpack Program Needs Your Help!



As many of you know, St. Paul's has been assisting the Webster Backpack Program for several years via our Lenten Food Drive. This program

provides weekend food for the children in the Webster schools and they are gearing up for the upcoming school year.

On Saturday August 22 they will be accepting donations from 9 AM to 2 PM in the parking lot behind the Immanuel Lutheran Church at 131 W. Main St., corner of Daniel Drive in the village of Webster. Volunteers will take the food from your car so you need not interact with others.

Suggested items are kid friendly food such as: peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, canned tuna and chicken, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereal, instant oatmeal, soup, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, juice boxes, shelf stable milk, granola bars, fruit cups, applesauce cups and pudding cups. Many thanks for your generosity!!!

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK In re Diocese of Rochester Case No. 19-20905

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On September 12, 2019, the Diocese of Rochester ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Bankruptcy Court has established August 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date"). If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date. Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/rochesterdiocese> or call (855) 347-3773 for more information on how to file your proof of claim. **IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS MADE TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEBTOR'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.**

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Come to me heedfully,
listen, that you may have life. (Is 55:3a)

PSALM:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.
(Ps 145)

SECOND READING:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Rom 8:38-39)

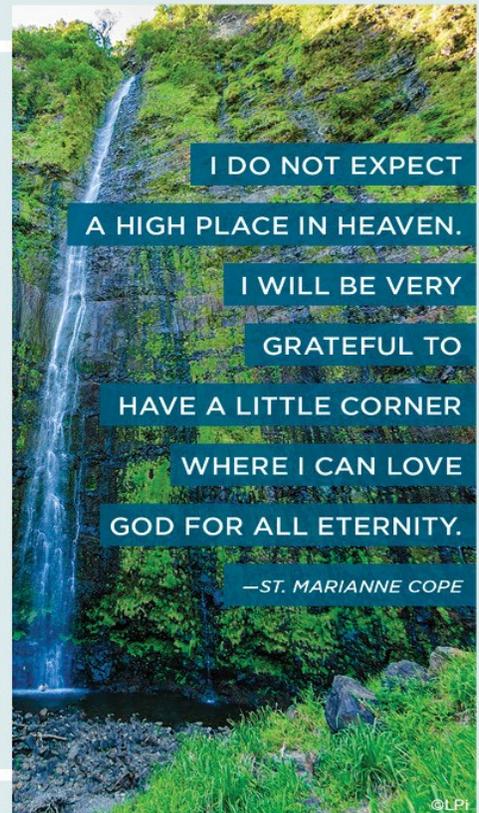
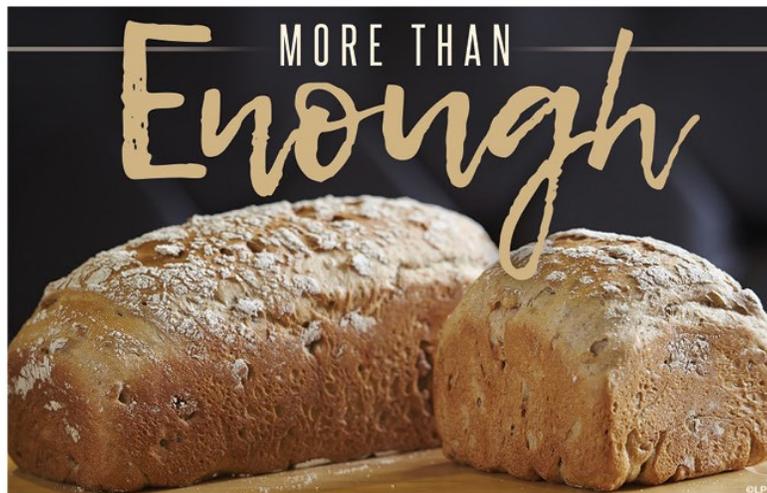
GOSPEL:

Taking the five loaves and the two fish,
and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. (Mt 14:19-20a)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2020

Sunday:	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. John Vianney, Priest
Wednesday:	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday:	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Saturday:	St. Dominic, Priest
Next Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Near the end of Israel's captivity in Babylon (597-538 BC), the prophet Isaiah spoke of the Lord's desire to be unimaginably generous and life-giving to his people. How has the Lord been generous in gifts to you and your family?

SECOND READING

In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul speaks of God's inseparable bond of love for us through Jesus Christ. In what ways does this sense of God's love for us help you in times of stress and anxiety?

GOSPEL READING

In the immediate aftermath of the news of the death of John the Baptist, Matthew reports that Jesus, "moved with pity," cured those who were sick in the crowds and fed the entire crowd of 5,000. How do you react toward others for whom you feel "pity"?