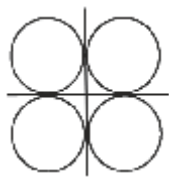


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

August 22, 2021 Twenty-First 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.

21st

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."
- Jn 6:68

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Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 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, 11:00 a.m.

Parish Staff

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Summer Office Hours

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

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**Monday, August 23****Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, August 24**St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

8:30A Mass

Wednesday, August 25

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed
 Sacrament

Thursday, August 26**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Friday, August 27**St. Monica**

Parish Office Closed at Noon
 No Mass or events

Saturday, August 28**St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor
 of the Church**

2:00P Individual Confession
 4:00P Mass

Sunday, August 29**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00A Mass
 11:00A Mass-Baptism after
 Mass

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 began a new fiscal year!

Expenses include quarterly invoices paid.

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

Jason Aman

Josh Bartlett

Zach Bartlett

Sean Black

Bryan Gross

Andrew O'Brien

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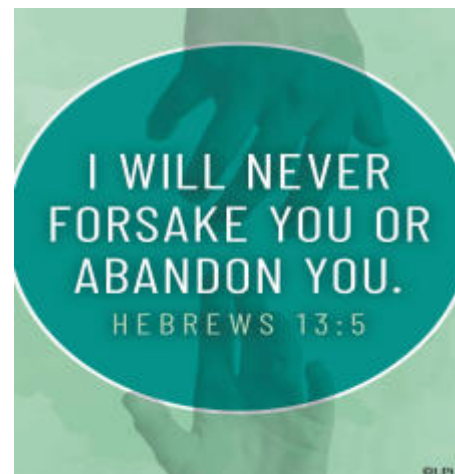
Mason Serrano

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Jay Riesenberger



Seeds for the Journey

I had a strong desire to volunteer at St. Paul's when my oldest of three girls was 5 years old entering School of Religion (SOR). That was 25 years ago!!!

I'm happy to have shared my time and talent in many ministries. Marthas as a baker, meal preparer, card sender, and funeral reception helper. I coordinated this ministry for a few years. I have been a SOR catechist, helped with preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of 1st Penance and 1st Eucharist, helped with preparation and facilitation of VBS. I am coordinator of the Jambo Java Café serving coffee and donuts after the masses (currently on hold due to the pandemic).

In 2012 Fr. Paul had a dinner for his fellow priests at the Rectory. I prepared and served the dinner and cleaned up afterwards. Before leaving Fr. Paul approached me asking if I would be interested in becoming the Rectory Housekeeper. How do you say "NO" to Fr. Paul the Pastor of the Church! I've happily continued to do this job for 9 years.

In 2016 I added the position of church cleaner. I have remained with this job for 5 years. Then Covid happened. Our church closed for a time.

In June 2020 the church re-opened however, the Jambo Java Café stayed closed. The Hegedorns donuts and social gathering have truly been missed. SOR went remote. Zoom classes are a great tool but are no substitute for joy of our children learning in person. VBS was cancelled. Many guidelines were put in place to protect our parishioners as you came back to church.

My job description now included Narthex monitoring and disinfecting. I oversaw the Greeters, Ushers and Communion Helpers. Reminding ALL who entered to wear masks, hand sanitize, and social distance. Remember how I stood in the Narthex with my clip board checking you in after you had to sign up for seating. I am proud to say that I learned each of your names. I would find something about YOU, to remember like your eyes, if you wore glasses, if you wore a unique mask, or your hair style. If you changed any of these I was stumped! I too was required to disinfect ALL touchable surfaces and change plastic chair covers after EVERY mass. Gratefully, I was helped with the chair covers. For a short while we were mask free. The smiles that I had not seen behind the masks brightened the Narthex and there was a spirit of joy.

Unfortunately, masks are returning and hand sanitizing is still needed. The Greeters and Ushers are doing a great job so I'll be in the Narthex or Church during each mass as the staff person when needed.

As the person behind the curtain I maintain the Sacristy, help decorate the church for the seasons, and Fr. Paul calls me "The Flower Girl".

My current job title is Coordinator of SOR (as of May 31, 2021) and Facilities Cleaning, but I wear many hats. Fr. Paul refers to me as "Jack of All Trades". I'm not sure if that can be an official job title though!

Reflecting on my 25 years with St. Paul's, I was unknowingly preparing for this new position and appreciate the opportunity to share my gifts and talents with this community.

Helen

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 1st Penance** (*Reconciliation or Confession*) and **1st 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 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 or 585-671-2110.

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

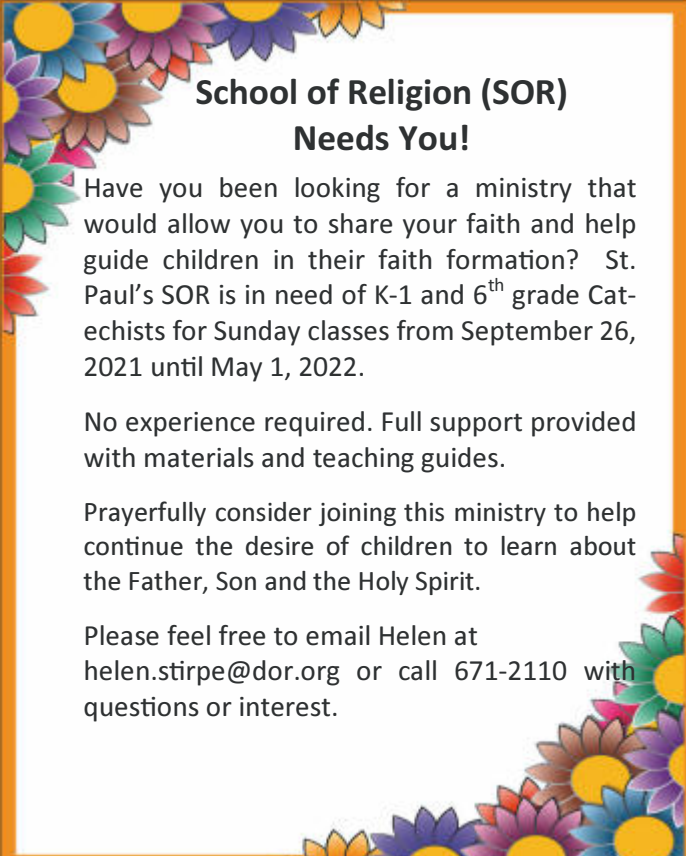
We look forward to seeing your child/children in September!!



Baptism

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

Adelynn Mae Mancini



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 6th grade Catechists for Sunday classes from September 26, 2021 until May 1, 2022.

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

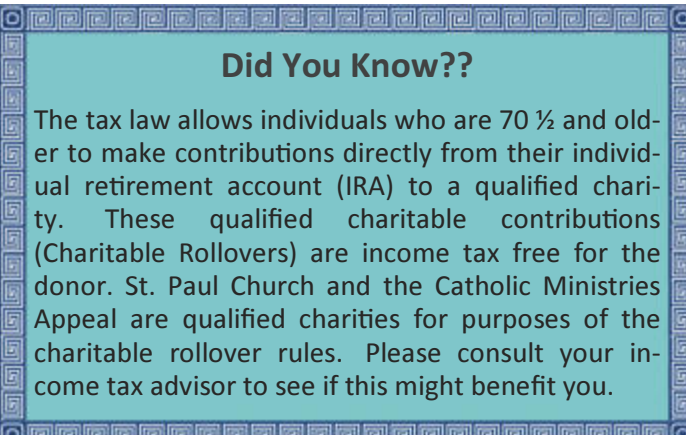
Prayerfully consider joining this ministry to help continue the desire of children to learn about the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Please feel free to email Helen at helen.stirpe@dor.org or call 671-2110 with questions or interest.



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 12th. Please visit our website at 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. See you in September!



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.



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 October to 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 join 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, call the office @ 671-2100 or contact Deacon Mark via email, mark.robbsins@dor.org.

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

Thank you!

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BELIEVES
WILL HAVE
eternal life

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:

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."
(Jos 24:18)

PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

SECOND READING:

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ
and the church. (Eph 5:32)

GOSPEL:

Simon Peter answered him, "Master to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Friday: St. Monica
Saturday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Joshua, who helped settle the Israelites into the Promised Land, knew the struggle ahead lay in Israel's fidelity to God. How does anyone best show fidelity to God?

SECOND READING

Toward the end of his letter, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual subordination and love. What do you see as secret to a successful marriage?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus' bread of life discourse ends with the report that "many of Jesus' disciples" no longer followed Jesus. How should we respond to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus?

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