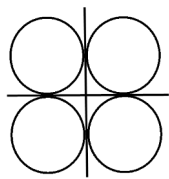


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

August 30, 2020 Twenty-Second 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.



22nd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24-25

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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
Deacon: Mark Robbins
Confirmation Prep. Coordinator: Bonnie Serio x27
Faith Formation & Youth Coordinator: Sue Ward 671-2110
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: Paul Pumputis
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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

	July 2020	YTD July 2020
Collections	\$38,412	\$38,412
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,045	\$3,045
Expenses	\$59,820	\$59,820
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(18,363)	\$(18,363)

Expenses include quarterly invoices paid in July.

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

**VISIT
OUR
WEBSITE!**



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 week-end 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

FOLLOW

“Whoever wishes to
come after me must
deny himself, take
up his cross, and
follow me.”

MATTHEW 16:24b

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Seeds for the Journey

Living in our current normal and dealing with life's every day struggles can be very stressful and challenging. When I get overwhelmed by struggles, I have been trying to stay centered by taking a breath and focus my energies on my faith in God to see me through my difficulties. When I feel stressed, I begin to think of the positives in my life and start counting my blessings that God has graciously given me. God truly gives us so many blessings each and every single day. Some may even be so small that we might overlook them.

Recently I stumbled upon the hymn "Count Your Blessings" written by Johnson Oatman Jr., 1856–1922. This hymn truly reminds us to stop and give thanks for all God has done in our lives. This is definitely a pause we all need to take. Remember, no singing allowed but you can still read and reflect (Just a little COVID humor). ☺

"Count Your Blessings"

When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings; name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

[Chorus]

Count your blessings;
Name them one by one.
Count your blessings;
See what God hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings; ev'ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold.
Count your many blessings; money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven nor your home on high.

So amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged; God is over all.
Count your many blessings; angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

Jodie

Giving Options

Go to our web site
(stpaulsrcc.org)
and click on the
DONATE link.

Or give through your
bank's online bill pay
feature.



Try the

GIVEPLUS⁺

MOBILE APP



To donate by text,
send your
contribution amount
to 833-931-1892



Mail your check:
St. Paul Church
783 Hard Road
Webster, NY 14580

Bethany House Reopens & Needs Our Support!

Bethany House has reopened their food pantry and in response, St. Paul's is asking for your much needed donations. While they are not yet able to accept residents they are supplying essential items to the community and are requesting the following donations:

- ♥ Cereal
- ♥ Pasta (they have plenty of pasta sauce)
- ♥ Rice
- ♥ Shampoo & conditioner
- ♥ Toothbrushes
- ♥ Dishwashing soap
- ♥ Disinfectant wipes

***At the present time they do not need toilet paper or paper towels.**

Please place your donations (in a paper bag) in the collection box in the Narthex any time during the month of September. **(Please enter the narthex via the door on the left and remember to wear your mask and to social distance!!!)** The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations to Bethany House at the end of the month. Thank you very much!



Holy
Baptism

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



CRS Rice Bowl Collection Update

With the Diocesan and Parish offices closed to visitors due to the pandemic, we have limited resources for handling the volume of coins that we see when the boxes are returned. As a result we have delayed the CRS Rice Bowl Collection here at the parish. Please hold your boxes until next year or count the money and **send it directly to CRS** via check, phone, or online:

To give by mail:

(check payable to) Catholic Relief Services

CRS Rice Bowl

P.O. Box 17090

Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303

To give by phone:

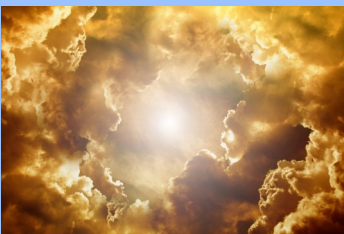
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To give online:

crsricebowl.org

If you have any questions please contact Robin at robin.martz@dor.org or call 671-2100 ext. 30.

Relax & Breathe!



Tip of the week: Go out in the yard and do some cloud watching; it's not just for kids!

Stress can melt away when we watch clouds. Look for

shapes, movements, pictures; watch the clouds race or stay still. Feel your tension slipping away!!

No time to sit under the sky? Use this drifting clouds meditation to quiet yourself before prayer or silence.



Registration and program Information for Confirmation will be published in the bulletin of September 5th-6th. Depending on state guidelines and committed to keeping our students healthy and safe, we are making plans for a "hybrid" program. Classes will begin in October, 2020. Thanks for your patience, trust and understanding. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at Bonnie.serio@dor.org

School of Religion 2020-2021

Registration is Open!

Visit our website at stpaulsrcc@dor.org, Faith Formation/SOR to learn what faith formation will look like at St. Paul's during these challenging times and to register online (or print out a form for mail-in).

Remote instruction for grades K-7 will begin the week of September 20. Book pickup will occur during the week-end of August 29-30. Please see our website for details and times. For questions or concerns, contact Sue Ward at susan.ward@dor.org or call 671-2110. "See" you soon!



We would like to congratulate **Cole Parody** who is celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. May Christ's life and love fill you every time you receive Him in Holy Communion.

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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
violence and outrage is my message;
the word of the LORD has brought me
derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

SECOND READING:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
(Rom 12:1)

GOSPEL:

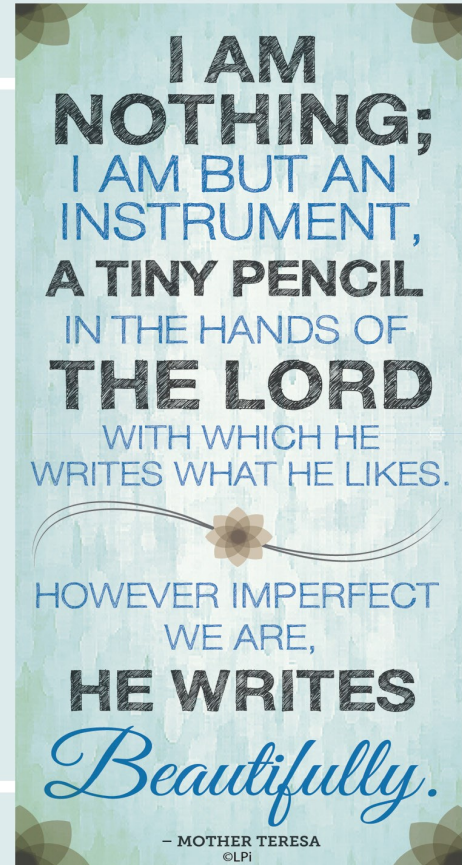
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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt 16:24)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

In a prayer of lamentation, Jeremiah speaks of the loneliness and isolation of answering his prophetic call. What words of comfort would you offer Jeremiah?

SECOND READING

In a prayer of lamentation, Jeremiah speaks of the loneliness and isolation of answering his prophetic call. What words of comfort would you offer Jeremiah?

GOSPEL READING

Peter and Jesus have an intense exchange of words over Jesus' revelation that as the Messiah, he will suffer and die. How often do you think there was tension between Jesus and his 12 apostles?