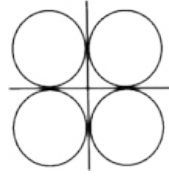


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

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.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And then they will see
the Son of Man coming
in a cloud with power
and great glory."
- Lk 21:27

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Mass Times

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

Daily Masses

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

Confession

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, December 2

Advent Weekday

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:30A Mass-with Anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, December 4

Advent Weekday

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

Advent Weekday

8:30A Mass

6:30P Adult Faith Talk presented by Fr. John Mack

Friday, December 6

Advent Weekday

No Mass

8:30A Vac Pac

Saturday, December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

10:00A Prayer Shawl

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, December 8

2nd Sunday of Advent

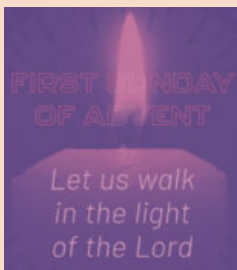
9:00A Mass-choir sings

10:00A SOR classes

10:00A Confirmation Prep class yr. 1

11:00A Mass

12:00P Confirmation Prep class yr. 2.



Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Paul Gitau

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TBD

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Parish Council Chair: Patrice DeAngelis

Parish Trustees: Forest Shick & George Hanley

Parish Office Hours

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

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Emergency Number: 369-9687

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Diocese of Rochester: www.dor.org



Financial Snapshot

	October 2024	July-October 2024
Collections	\$31,691	\$155,466
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,093	\$14,277
Expenses	\$73,265	\$194,616
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(38,481)	\$(24,873)

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for Those in the Military**

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Josh Bartlett

Bryan Gross

Cydney Blong

Tom Weisenreder

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Mason Serrano

Daniel Thomas

Andrew Zani

Robert Wright

Jay Riesenberger



*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Rose Mary Straube
From
Connie Gurske*

St. Paul's community is truly blessed to have so many wonderful and dedicated volunteers who serve in various ministries. I have heard so many times, from new parishioners that they decided to attend Masses at St. Paul's due to our heart warming community. Let us continue this tradition of being a welcoming and vibrant parish. Even though it seems that our volunteers are many, we are in desperate need of extra helping hands. Please read through our list of ministries below.

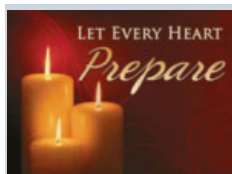
- **Acolytes (Altar Servers):** Assist Fr. Paul and Deacon Mark during the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. Youth and adults are encouraged to be an Acolyte. **Coordinator: Diane Vannozi**
- **Choir & Cantors:** Supports the congregation singing. The choir and cantors sing on a rotating bases at all Masses. **Coordinator: John Gaspar**
- **Coffee & Donut Hour:** Held on the first Sunday of each month. Our volunteers help setting up, assisting during coffee hour and clean up. **Coordinator: Karen Napoli**
- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Assist Fr. Paul and Deacon Mark by distributing Holy Communion. **Coordinator: Cindy Ottina**
- **Finance Council:** Advise Fr. Paul on how to manage the church finances. **Finance Chair: Jack Black**
- **Funeral Ministry:** Consists of greeters, ushers, sacristans and Acolytes to help during the funeral or Memorial Mass. **Coordinator: Bonnie Serio**
- **Gardening Angels:** Keep the compound of St. Paul's beautiful in the spring and summer with various duties of weeding, planting etc. **Coordinator: Ben O'Brien**
- **Good Sam Outreach:** Creates opportunities for the parish to assist those with social justice concerns with hunger relief and homelessness and human development. **Coordinator: DA Hutnick**
- **Greeters:** Are a welcoming friendly face to Mass attendees and handing out bulletins at the end of Mass. **Coordinators: Forest & Julie Shick**
- **John Walsh Library:** Our volunteers add books to the collection, place featured books on the cart, reshelve returned books, write articles for the bulletin and upkeep organization of the books. **Coordinator: Sue Muto**
- **Lectors:** Proclaim the Word of God during Mass and other liturgies. **Coordinator: Laure Barr**
- **Linens:** Assist with washing and ironing of the towels that are used during Mass. **Coordinator: Helen Stirpe**
- **Marthas Ministry:** Host receptions in the parish hall following funeral and memorial Masses. Marthas also assist with parish celebrations, special events. **Coordinators: DA Hutnick & Bonnie Epner**
- **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):** A program designed to educate adults who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. **Coordinators: Anselm Mesue & Deacon Mark Robbins**
- **Our Lady of Compassion Homebound/Nursing Home Ministry:** a group of volunteers who visit people in their homes or in nursing homes to provide Holy Communion and social interaction. **Coordinator: Fr. Paul**
- **Parish Pastoral Council:** An advisory committee that supports Fr. Paul and the parish community in planning events such as the annual parish picnic. **Chairperson: Patrice DeAngelis**
- **Prayer Shawl:** Knits or crochets prayers shawls, lap robes baptismal blankets that are distributed to those who are sick, grieving, or being baptized. **Coordinator: Cathy Reetz**
- **Sacristans:** A behind the scenes way to participate in the Mass by setting up the items needed for Mass, and cleaning and put away the items after Mass. **Coordinator: Jane Adams**
- **Stream Team:** Live stream Mass and special liturgies along with adding readings, hymns etc. to the TV screens for congregation. **Coordinator: Tom Napoli**
- **Ushers:** Assist with seating, presentation gifts during offertory, sometimes carry the cross in procession, assist with collection etc. **Coordinator: Jodie Hickey**
- **Vac Pac:** Keep our worship area and common areas clean and tidy by vacuuming, sweeping etc. **Coordinator: Jodie Hickey**

I encourage you to join one of our important ministries where your time, talent and treasure can be applied. For more information, please contact Jodie by calling the parish office or via email Jodie.hickey@dor.org.

Jodie

**The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday, December 9**

Mass Times:
8:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m.



**Advent Penance Service
With Individual Confession**

Thursday, December 12
at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Flowers

If you wish to make a donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please note the name(s) on the envelope. The memorials will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. We use the parishioner info on the front of the envelope to note who the donation is from, so if you want something different, please note that as well.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's Church". The deadline is **Monday, December 16th** to make it into the bulletin. If you have any questions please contact Kasey at kasey.baker@dor.org

Youth Choir

We will be having a Youth Choir at the 4:00 p.m. family Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24.

Children will be taught 2 songs to sing that day. They will be asked to come up during the homily and will sing "The Virgin Mother Had a Baby Boy." They will also sing "Silent Night" during preparation of the gifts.

There will be 2 rehearsals on Sundays 12/8 and 12/15 from 11:00 -11:15 a.m. in the Worship Space. Students from the School of Religion (Grades 1 to 7) and the Confirmation classes will participate. We invite other children who are in grades 1-8 who would like to sing on Christmas Eve to come to these rehearsals. We also invite those who have graduated from the Confirmation program and are in high school to come to those rehearsals and sing with this group.

Materials for home practice will also be sent home via email. Please contact John Gaspar, Music Coordinator at john.gaspar@dor.org if you have any questions.

The Giving Tree



The items requested below from Corpus Christi located in downtown Rochester are for boys or girls size infant to 16. Please bring **UNWRAPPED** gifts, to St Paul's and place them in the parish office hallway.....**no later than December 17.** Donations for "Fuel" are also being accepted this year, please make your check payable to St. Paul's and add "Fuel" in the memo line.

Help us to provide Christmas joy for less fortunate families. Thanks to your continued generosity. If you have questions please call Pat Rotundo at 356-8309.

- PANTS OR JEANS**
- PAJAMAS**
- MITTENS, GLOVES, HATS**
- SHIRTS or TOPS**
- UNDERWEAR, SOCKS**
- TOYS, BOOKS**
- PLEASE NO GIFT CARDS or CASH**

Second Collection: Catholic Universities

Next weekend, November 30th & December 1st, is the collection for The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C.

If you wish to support this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Catholic Universities Collection" in the memo. Please drop your check in the second collection basket, box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.

Webster Hope December Wish List

Shampoo & conditioner	Cooking oil
Body wash & bar soap	Flour & sugar
Lotion	Canned peas
Deodorant	Canned mandarin oranges
Toothpaste	Canned beets
Shaving cream & razors	Canned potatoes
Laundry detergent	Canned pasta
Dish soap	Jarred sauce

Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex before or after Mass. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations on a regular basis. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Adult Faith Formation Catechesis "The Wisdom of the Long Journey: The Elderly & Family Life"

All are welcome to join us on Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the worship area. Our guest speaker, Fr. John Mack has a Masters degree in theology and a Licentiate of Sacred Theology (STL). He currently serves as the priest Chaplain of the Aquinas Institute. He has been ordained nearly 40 years for the Diocese of Buffalo. Retired from active ministry, he resides in his family home in Rochester, working part-time at Aquinas and occasionally helping at the Catholic Newman Community, University of Rochester. The past 15 years of ministry, Fr. Mack has participated in the initial priestly formation program for seminarians at Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora and Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Hales Corners, WI. He has taught in two Catholic High Schools and has twice served as a pastor in diocesan parishes. Fr. Mack is a liver transplant recipient (30 June 2020) from a living donor (former parishioner) and is a volunteer for the Friends of Strong Liver and Kidney Transplant patient visitors.

Advent Retreat

Join us on Saturday, December 14th from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for St. Paul's Advent Retreat. This years theme is *"Wait for the Lord; Be Strong, and Let Your Heart Take Courage; Wait for the Lord"* Psalm 27:14. Our guest speaker is Deacon Jonathan Schott, the Associate Director of Campus Ministry at St. John Fisher University.

Activities: Prayer, Retreat Talk, Reflection led by Deacon Mark Robbins, Gospel Sharing, Meditation, Adoration, Rosary, Benediction, Confession, Songs of Worship led by Bonnie Serio, concludes with 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Cost: \$20 (includes speaker fee, supplies, pizza, salad, donuts & coffee)

Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board across from the parish office. The deadline to register for this event is Sunday, December 8th.

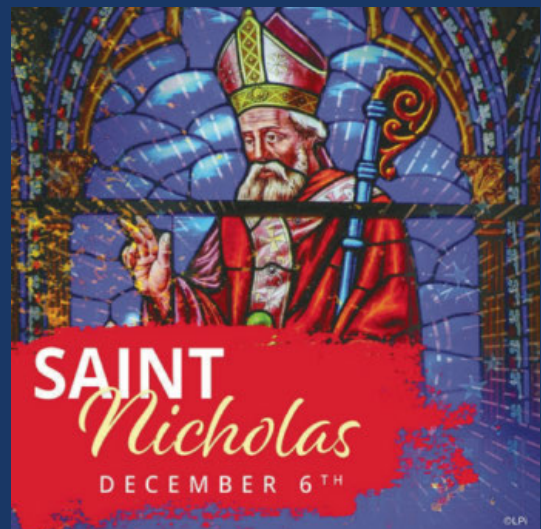
For question and clarifications, contact Anselm at Anselm.mesue@dor.org.

From the John Walsh Library

Barron, Robert

The Strangest Way (Walking the Christian Way)

Robert Barron, professor of theology at Mundelein Seminary, was blown away when he began to read the mystics, saints, and scholars of the classic Christian tradition. It was certainly not the relatively bland, easy to grasp, unthreatening Christianity that he had been initiated into. It seemed to him the strangest and most exotic of all religious paths he had encountered. At the center was God who comes after us with reckless abandon. This Christianity is a singular way of life, and offers three paths that we must walk. The first path is finding the center with the whole self—praying, breathing, fingering beads, walking processing, pilgrimaging, and fasting our way. The second path is knowing we are sinners. People who can acknowledge their sins are at least to some degree participating in the center. They are in a word, saints. Walking the third path means realizing our life is not about us. We are "hanging in the balance of a perfect finished plan..." (Bob Dylan). Call No. 248.4-BAR)



Ministry Schedule for December 7 & 8, 2024

If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Luca Picca Volunteer Needed	Lucy Rynkiewicz Volunteer Needed
Cantors	TBD	TBD	TBD
EMHC	Ellen Oinen Mary Beth Speicher	Josephine Cozzo Jack Black	Nancy Willard Fred Compertore
Greeters	Julie Shick Forest Shick	Jeanne Leo Lucille Friscano	Anne Hauber Jean Van Apeldoorn
Lectors	Anya/Claudia Swinson	Ethan Navarette	Jack Black
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Pat Rotundo	DA Hutnick	Connie Gurske
Stream Team	John Kosel	Lou Rotundo	George Hanley
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Charlie & Nancy Carson Fred Compertore

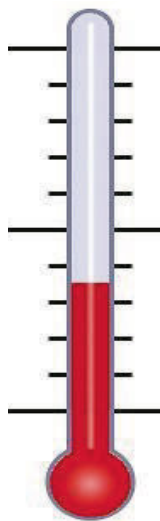


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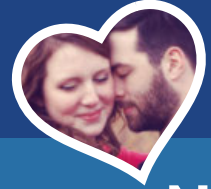
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