

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

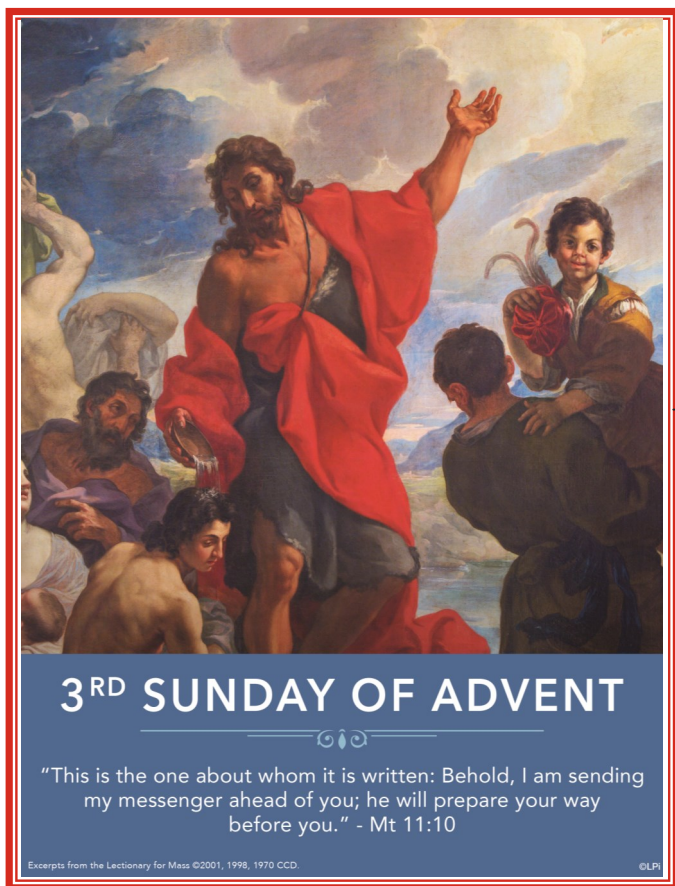


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

## December 15, 2019 Third 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.



### DECEMBER 15TH THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

### DECEMBER 22ND FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

## Christmas Masses 2019

### Christmas Eve Mass:

Tuesday, December 24

3:00 p.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. Pre-service caroling

5:30 p.m. Mass

### Christmas Day Mass:

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 a.m.

### Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

### Weekday Masses

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Friday-Communion Service 8:30 a.m.

### Individual Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m. or by appointment

# Upcoming Events



**Saturday, December 14**  
**St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church**  
 3:00P Individual Confession  
 4:00P Mass

**Sunday, December 15**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
 9:00A Mass-CLOW  
 Coffee & Donuts  
 9:30A Confirmation Prep Yr. 1  
 10:00A SOAR  
 11:00A Mass-CLOW  
 Coffee & Donuts  
 12:10P Confirmation Prep Yr. 2  
 12:15P Baptismal Prep  
 6:00P Youth Group

**Monday, December 16**  
**Advent Weekday**  
 8:00A Rosary  
 8:30A Mass  
 4:30P SOAR  
 7:00P Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.

**Tuesday, December 17**  
**Late Advent Weekday**  
 8:00A Rosary  
 8:30A Mass  
 9:15A Coffee & Catholicism  
 1:15P Faith Sharing Group

**Wednesday, December 18**  
**Late Advent Weekday**  
 8:00A Rosary  
 8:30A Mass  
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00P Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 19**  
**Late Advent Weekday**  
 8:00A Rosary  
 8:30A Mass  
 1:30P Grief Share Group

**Friday, December 20**  
**Late Advent Weekday**  
 8:00A Rosary  
 8:30A Communion Service

**Saturday, December 21**  
**Late Advent Weekday**  
 3:00P Individual Confession  
 4:00P Mass

## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau x29 fr.paul.gitau@dor.org  
**Deacon:** Mark Robbins x23 mark.robbins@dor.org  
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**Business Manager:** Robin Martz x30 robin.martz@dor.org  
**Rectory Housekeeper:** Helen Stirpe helen.stirpe@dor.org  
**Maintenance Coordinator:** Ben O'Brien x28 ben.obrien@dor.org  
**Administrative Asst.:** Jodie Hickey x21 jodie.hickey@dor.org  
**Finance Council Chair:** Tom Napoli 872-0678 tanapoli@live.com  
**Parish Council Chair:** Paul Pumputis  
**Parish Trustees:** Deb Urtz-Gleason & Dave Galeazzo  
**Multi Parish Finance Director:**  
 Joan Sullivan: 671-1100 x21 joan.sullivan@dor.org

## Office Hours

8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday (closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)  
**Phone:** 671- 2100  
**Fax Number:** 787-8907  
**Emergency Number:** 369-9687  
**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org  
**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org

We warmly welcome all new parishioners and visitors to St. Paul's. To register please fill out a "request for registration" form available at all church entrances. Return it to the donations slot at the back of the church or to the parish office. A member of our pastoral staff will contact you to complete your registration.



## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	November-2019	July 2019- November 2019
Weekly Collections	\$61,001 *	\$208,995
Donations / Other Revenue	\$5,234	\$24,546
Expenses	\$(52,346)	\$(261,271)
Operating surplus (deficit)	<b>\$13,889</b>	<b>\$(27,730)</b>

Average Weekly Mass Attendance 541 479

\*November collections includes annual donations

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

## Let us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman  
 Zach Bartlett  
 Bryan Gross  
 Alec Konrad  
 Mason Serrano  
 Andrew Zani  
 Jay Riesenberger  
 Daniel Thomas

Josh Bartlett  
 Sean Black  
 Shawn Reidy  
 Tom Weisenreder  
 Andrew O'Brien  
 Cydney Blong  
 Michael J. Desiato

This week the  
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
 Louis Spina  
 From  
 Wife, Children,  
 Grandchildren &  
 Great Grandchildren

# Seeds for the Journey

Last weekend you heard our Finance Chairperson Tom Napoli and our Pastoral Council Chairperson, Paul Pumputis discuss our current financial situation. We are grateful to all who continue to be generous stewards of our parish.

However, stewardship is not just about money. Time, Talent, and Treasure - everyone has different gifts at different times in their lives and St. Paul's needs all these gifts to flourish.

Think about it – if all our parishioners only gave money but never came to an event or service then there would not be much of a spirit here.

Or if everyone came to all of the events but did not give anything, we would not be able to afford to hold the events which would then disappear.

And if we did not have anyone to help us put on these events, then the events would not be as spectacular and then no one would attend and then...well, you get the picture.

**That's what makes Stewardship so awesome...everyone has something to give.**

- Mary is on a fixed income and cannot give much. But she is an awesome knitter and is in the prayer shawl group. She also joined the Vac-Pac.
- John is also on a fixed income but not particularly crafty. But he loves books. So he joined the Library Committee. He also attends our Adult Faith Formation Prayer Services.
- Joe is very busy at work and coaching his kid's sports team but enjoys being an usher at Mass.
- Mike spent years volunteering and has stepped back a bit. So he joined the prayer chain.
- Jean is financially able to donate a bit more. She also supports the monthly food collection.

These people are all equally important to St. Paul's. If you can help in one (or more) ways, we would be very grateful:

**We need money.** If you are able to give, thank you.

**We need participation.** If you can come to an event or service, we are thrilled to see you.

**We need assistance.** If you can help – at mass, on a committee, or with any of our needs that we occasionally advertise for, we are glad that you are here.

**We need prayer.** Something we can all do.

Thank you for all that you do to support St. Paul's!

*Robin*



Our Advent time of waiting in joyful hope includes preparing for Christmas Masses. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding of the logistical challenges. While recognizing that the 3 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is the most convenient for many of you, we ask that you prayerfully consider attending at 5:30 p.m. or 10 a.m. on Christmas Day instead. Those masses are much less crowded, and you will have an easier time finding seats together with your family. As in the past, we are asking that you not send someone in advance to reserve seats. There will be ushers on hand to assist any parishioners and visitors with walkers, wheelchairs, or special needs.

### Downstairs Seating

In order to accommodate the larger-than-usual crowds, we will broadcast the 3 p.m. and if needed the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve masses on the large screen televisions downstairs in the Parish Hall and in Rooms 7 and 8. Eucharist will be carried to those seated downstairs, and there will be bulletins and worship aids provided so everyone can participate fully in the prayers, responses, and songs. Thank you for your cooperation as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

### Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Parking

We have always enjoyed a fine relationship with our neighbors bordering St. Paul's property. We would like to continue that tradition. Please be courteous and do not park on any neighboring lawns. Be sure to check for available spots in the south parking lot.

### 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.

### Closing/Cancellation Notifications

We follow the Webster Central Schools weather closings so if Webster schools close due to the weather, St Paul's will be closed as well.

The info will be posted on our web site as well as via the local media as noted below:

**TV:** Channel 10 (News 10 NBC)

**Radio:** NewsRadio WHAM1180, 92.5 WBEE, 98.9 The Buzz, 96.5 WCMF, 98PXY, and

**Online:** stpaulsrcc.org, whec.com, 13wham.com

Please note that channel 13 has designated churches as "web only", so if you prefer to look for closing information on the television, please check channel 10 (NBC).

If you would like to get an email when we have a weather related closing, go to [www.whec.com/closings](http://www.whec.com/closings) and click the Link that says: "Register to Receive Alerts Via Email"

Enter your email, check the box, and click "Agree" on the next page, click on the blue "Subscribe" button. Find the Business or School you want to get the info on (in this case, St. Paul's Webster or St Paul's Webster School of Religion) and click "Subscribe" You can add more than one if you want. Then when we have a closing, Channel 10 will send you an email.

### Looking for Lectors

We have openings for lectors and commentators, especially at the Saturday 4 p.m. mass. To learn more, contact Chris Adams at 362-2477.

A note to current lectors will go out in December as we prepare the next schedule.

Have You Read...

**O'Malley, S.J., William J.  
Being There  
(The Parables of Jesus  
in a Different Voice)**

Since the time of the caves, people have used stories or parables to teach valuable lessons. Like the original parables, the versions in this book, told in a contemporary voice, were designed to unsettle. Our familiarity with the original stories sometimes causes us to overlook the uncomfortable truths that Jesus was teaching ("You mean we have to love our neighbor, even the one we detest?"). Father O'Malley amplifies each story with new language and additional context. It is not just a re-telling of the familiar stories; he gives the characters names, flesh, and story details. He follows each story with "Thoughts to Ponder" which avoid the easy clichés: we learn the Pharisees were not all conniving villains; the father of the Prodigal Son bore some responsibility for what happened; the first shall be last but they will still get in. (Call No. 226.8-O'M; "New")

For the Children

**Dickens, Charles  
A Christmas Carol**

**Illustrated by Brett Helquist**

This adaptation illustrated by Brett Helquist is sure to become a classic itself. Marley is dead. His business partner, Scrooge, is the richest and most harsh man in town. After being visited by Ghost Marley, Scrooge can't sleep. Ghost Marley explains that Scrooge will be visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present, and Christmas Future. See how Helquist portrays Scrooge as he struggles with the revelations from the ghosts. Enjoy and share with the children in your life. E DIC Grades 2 and up

**Attention, Readers of All Ages!**

St. Paul's John Walsh Library is featuring Advent books, Christmas books and videos for all ages. Stop in and check them out. There are signs posted to help you borrow materials easily, and you can return them after Christmas.

**Automatic Christmas Donations**

A reminder that if you are signed up for automatic donations and chose the option for an annual Christmas donation, they will be processed on December 20th. If you have any questions please contact Robin the office at [robin.martz@dor.org](mailto:robin.martz@dor.org) or 671-2100 ext. 30

**CMA Update  
As of December 9, 2019**

Your CMA gift supports ministries that affect every Catholic in our Diocese. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's in this year's campaign.

**34.17%  
of our goal**



**Salting & Shoveling Subs Needed**



We are in need of a few hardy volunteers to help out with snow removal on those rare occasions when Ben, our Maintenance Coordinator, is out of town.

This doesn't happen often but we would like to know we are covered at all times. It mainly involves spreading salt on the sidewalks and/or shoveling the entryways. (We have a plow that does the parking lots.) We hope to get several volunteers and then when Ben is away (or sick, again not often) we would have someone to call to ask for help.

This is great opportunity for anyone who would like to give of their time to help their parish and their fellow parishioners. Please call Jodie or Robin in the office if you would like more information and if you are willing to be one of our "Salting and Shoveling Subs" when Ben is away. Thank you!



Ministry Schedule for December 21 & 22, 2019

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	Patrick Mason Alyssa Bower	Nicola Bleier Margaret Milner	Evan Pumputis Bella Pumputis
<b>Ushers</b>	Alice Bower Kevin Nuwer	Dan Milner Katie Milner Paul Fetter	Bill Green Tim Runyan
<b>Sacristans</b>	Olbrich Family	D.A. Hutnick	Don & Rose Marie Schaeffer
<b>Lectors Commentators</b>	Barb Robbins Linda Pratt	Christy Adams Chris Adams	Laure Barr Kim Patterson
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Julie Shick Forest Shick Jill Cosgrove Bob Frank Pat Thomas Janet Trippe	Joann Fisher Don Fisher Mike Fredericks Josephine Cozzo Craig Lippolis Margaret Milner	Sandra Happ Gina McNamara Larry McNamara Fred Compertore Christopher Koppen George Hanley
<b>Greeters</b>	Joseph & Gail Lovejoy <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Judy Soper Corrine Volo Jean Van Apeldoorn	Pumputis Family <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Linens</b>	Cindy Ottina		

**Music for December 15th  
3rd Sunday of Advent**



Come, Host Of Heaven's High Dwelling Place  
(*St. Columba*).....No. 846  
On Jordan's Bank (*Winchester New*).....No. 418  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*Veni Emmanuel*)  
.....No. 395  
O Come, Divine Messiah (*Venz, Divin Messie*).....No. 401  
Readings: No. 997  
Psalm 146: Lord, Come & Save Us.....No. 997

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**UNIVERSITY**  
OF AMERICA



**Collection Update**

Thank you for your generous response to The Catholic University of America collection last weekend. St. Paul's raised \$396. Your donations will support financial aid for students from the dioceses across the country, including ours.

**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](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org)

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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