

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

December 16, 2018 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:15-16a

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DECEMBER 16TH THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

DECEMBER 23RD FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

St. Paul's Church Christmas Schedule 2018

Christmas Eve Masses:

Monday, December 24

3:00 p.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. pre-service caroling

5:30 p.m. Mass

Christmas Day Mass:

Tuesday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Mass

Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 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 4:00-4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 15

Advent Weekday

9:30-11:30A Prayer Shawl
4:00P Individual Confession
5:00P Mass

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

9:00A Mass-CLOW
9:00A SOAR
Coffee & Donuts
9:30A Confirmation Prep Yr. 2
10:00A SOAR
11:00A Mass-CLOW
Coffee & Donuts
12:10P Confirmation Prep Yr. 1
12:15P Baptismal Prep
6:00P Youth Group

Monday, December 17

Late Advent Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
4:30P SOAR
7:00P Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.

Tuesday, December 18

Late Advent Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
9:15A Coffee & Catholicism
1:15P Faith Sharing Group
4:30P SOAR
7:00P RCIA

Wednesday, December 19

Late Advent Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00P Choir

Thursday, December 20

Late Advent Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
9:00A Vac Pac
1:00P Grief Share Mtg.

Friday, December 21

Late Advent Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Communion Service

Saturday, December 22

Late Advent Weekday

4:00P Individual Confession
5:00P Mass

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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 collection box at the back of the church or to the parish office. A member of our pastoral staff will contact you to complete your registration.



December 8 & 9, 2018 Collection

Due to the holiday, the bulletin was sent to press early. Collection figures will be published in a future bulletin. Thank you!

Let us Pray for Those in the Military

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our time of need. Amen.

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| Jason Aman | Josh Bartlett |
| Zach Bartlett | Sean Black |
| Dakota Berthold | Bryan Gross |
| Alec Konrad | Shawn Reidy |
| Mason Serrano | Tom Weisenreder |
| Andrew Zani | Andrew O'Brien |
| Jay Riesenberger | Cydney Blong |
| Daniel Thomas | |



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

Seeds for the Journey

The Greatest Gift

Don't you love giving gifts? This is the season of gift giving. With someone special in mind, we shop to find the perfect item that will please that someone, or use our creativity and talent to knit, crochet or sew something beautiful. We might even use our culinary skills to whip up some sweet or savory jellies or jams or to bake favorite holiday cookies or treats to be passed on to the lucky someone.

Yes, the giving of gifts is a beautiful gesture that brings joy to both the giver and the receiver. The very act of giving is a sign of affection, appreciation and love. Yet sometimes we tend to overlook the best gift of all, the gift of ourselves.

The present of our presence is a powerful way to say, "I love you", "I hold you in deep regard", "I respect you", "I care about you," "You are important to me". The amazing gift of presence doesn't cost any money, but it does require effort on our part.

To remove ourselves from the distractions, worries, clutter, busyness in our lives can be challenging and even daunting. Self-care experts tell us to "take a deep breath", "turn off technology," "count your blessings", "live in the moment", don't let life pass you by". Sound familiar?

Can you think of time when an uncluttered you was present to another? A friend of mine recalled such a time when at Mass one day, he observed someone quietly weeping. After the liturgy was over, he approached the person, smiled, and quietly said, "I hope everything will work out for you." Sometime later, he encountered the person again and was told, "Thank you for your words a while back, you'll never know how much they helped me." My friend had been a presence for a stranger.

Have you been touched by the gift of someone's presence? I was blest to know a woman who was present to everyone she encountered. I met her while volunteering at a local hospice. The amazing thing about her was that she one of the residents, physically suffering, slowly wasting away. Yet she had an appreciation of life that I've never experienced before. She daily phoned friends and relatives, encouraging them in their life struggles and letting them know they were loved. She made it a point to get to know every volunteer, bringing cheer and humor into their lives. She gave of herself by just being, and in the process everyone who knew her was uplifted, accepted, appreciated and loved.

On this third Advent Sunday, the Sunday of Joy, I thank God for gifting me with the presence of loved ones and friends. I thank God for those who listen, who care, who accept, who love. I pray that I can be someone who reflects the great Gift-Giver, the Father who shared His life with us in the gift of His only Son.

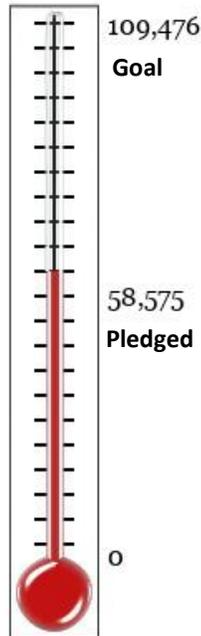
Dear Jesus, help me be Your eyes, Your ears, Your hands and feet. Let my presence be a gift to others.

Bonnie

CMA Update As of December 7, 2018

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

**53.50% of our
goal**



Reach Home Has Re-Opened!

Reach Home will again offer meals for those in need. Good Sam Outreach has signed up to supply dinners on two upcoming evenings – December 18 and January 10. Several people volunteered to help at the recent Ministry Fair and we will also contact folks who expressed interest last winter. Phone calls will be made soon as we start planning for the December 18th dinner.

As a reminder of how the dinner operation, small groups sign up to prepare, deliver, serve and share in a meal with the guests. Volunteers are asked to provide enough food for 30-40 people, arriving at the Home at 102 North Union Street before 5:30 p.m.

If you would like to add your name to the volunteer list please email dhutnick@aol.com.

Also, If you or a group want to sign-up for a separate date you can contact Reach Home directly at <http://reachadvocacy.org>.

Christmas is Coming...

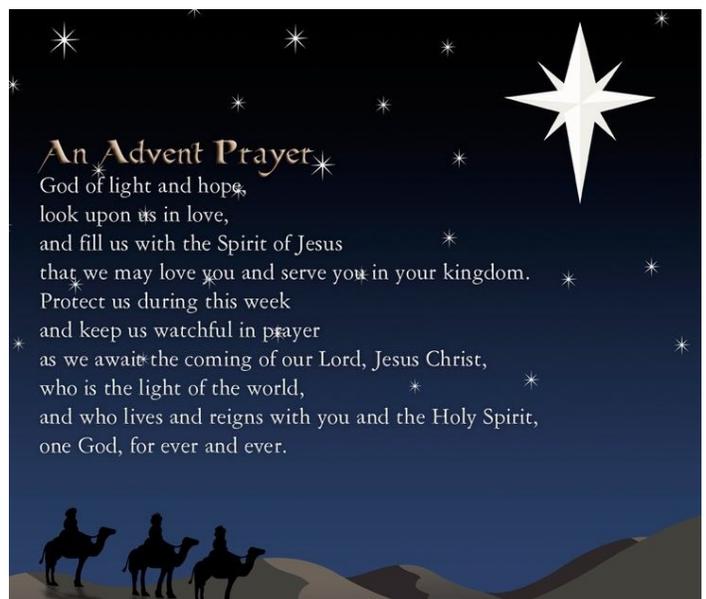
Our Advent time of waiting in joyful hope includes preparing for Christmas Masses. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding of the logistical challenges. While recognizing that the 3 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is the most convenient for many of you, we ask that you prayerfully consider attending 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.



Have You Read...

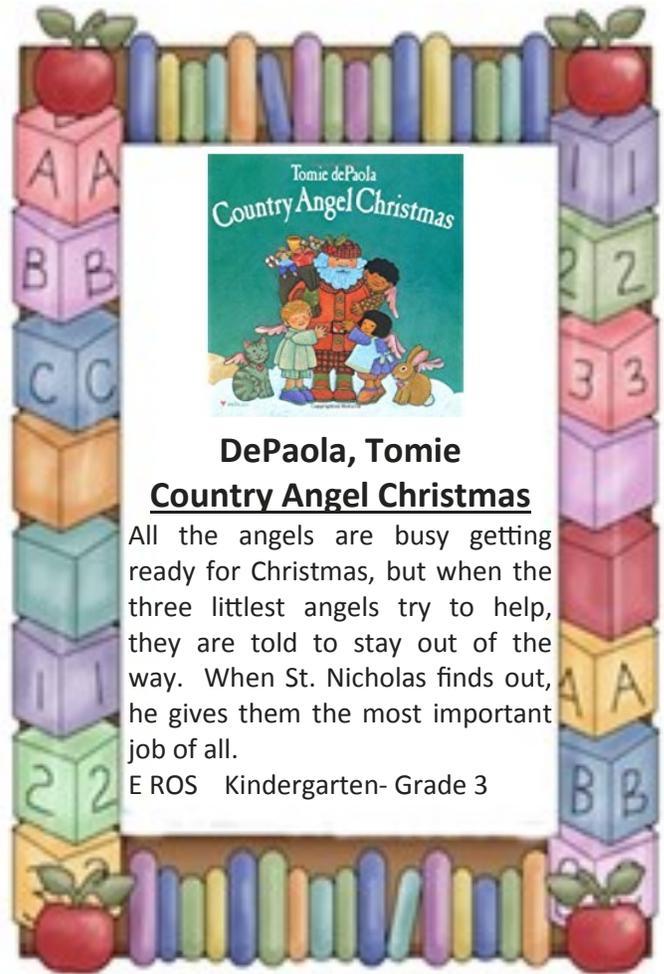
Williamson, Marianne
Illuminata (Thoughts, Prayers,
Rites of Passage)

"Do you observe the holidays?" someone might ask. What this really means is "Do you observe the holiness of this day, that through the act of your observation the day is made holy for you?" The power of our own perception can influence the nature of our life experiences. When we do not put our attention on Him, we do not see the effects of His existence. We see God when we observe Him. We then create a world in which there are holy things to be observed. This book is an effort to create a context for our observation of God that we might see Him more clearly and call forth His power more perfectly in our lives. "He isn't a was; He is an is."

(Call No, 291.4-WIL)



For the Children

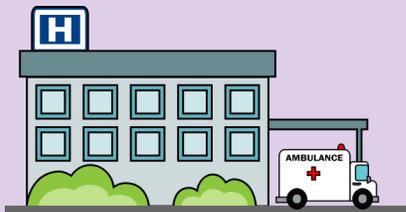


DePaola, Tomie
Country Angel Christmas

All the angels are busy getting ready for Christmas, but when the three littlest angels try to help, they are told to stay out of the way. When St. Nicholas finds out, he gives them the most important job of all.

E ROS Kindergarten- Grade 3

Hospital Visits

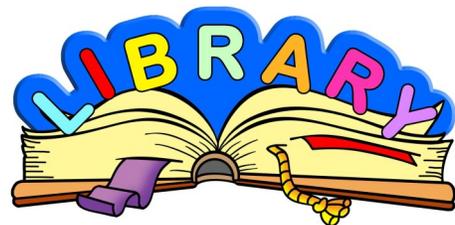


If you or a loved one are hospitalized, and would like a visit, we need to know! The hospitals don't tell us anymore due to more stringent privacy laws.

We have had a few folks ask us after they got home "why didn't someone come visit me?" Even if the hospital asks for church affiliation during admission, they don't inform us like they did in the past.

We need to be notified by family or friends if someone is hospitalized. Your information will be kept confidential.

Please call Jodie at 671-2100 X21 to let her know the persons name and room number so that we can do our best to visit them.



A large selection of **CHILDREN'S BOOKS** for Advent and Christmas are on display in our John Walsh library. They are displayed on the library's cart and are **FREE** to borrow. Just remember to sign out with your name and phone number. Loan period is one month. Take some time during this busy holiday season to visit our library and choose some of these wonderful stories to read with your child.



Ministry Schedule for December 22 & 23, 2018

	5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	Hannah Brodt Maggie Corriveau	Massimo Picca Emmett Ernst	Elena Martinez-Nobrega Bella Pumputis
Ushers	Alice Bower Kevin Nuwer	Dan Milner Katie Milner Paul Fetter	Fred Compertore Marilyn Merrigan
Sacristans	Olbrich Family	Lyons Family	Don & Rosemarie Schaeffer
Lectors Commentators	Dan Bower Anne Barker	Tom Mitchell Mary Catherine Zona	Jann Armantrout Kay Vargo
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Fran Spina Janet Trippe Bob Frank Don Oinen Ellen Oinen Kevin Nuwer	Margaret Milner Brendan Casey Sandy Doehler Bill Galbraith Beth Koopman Craig Lippolis	Janet Slusar Joanne Mattiucci Jim Mattiucci Sandra Happ Michele Cheeseman George Hanley
Greeters	Janet Trippe Pat Weisenreder Volunteer Needed	Mike Fredericks Jerry & Mary Coy	Anne Hauber Nancy Willard Volunteer Needed
Linens	Rose Schichtel		
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SAY TO THE FAINT OF HEART

Isaiah 35

Russell Weismann

Isaiah 35:4 Isaiah 35

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Be -
 5 hold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Rejoice At All Times In The Lord.....(*Inside Front Cover Of Hymnal*)
 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.....(*Veni Emmanuel*).....No. 414
 On Jordan's Bank.....(*Winchester New*).....No. 419
 Oh Come Divine Messiah.....(*Venez, Divin Messie*).....No. 401
 Readings: No. 999 Psalm: Isaiah 12 Cry Out With Joy : No. 996

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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



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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