

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

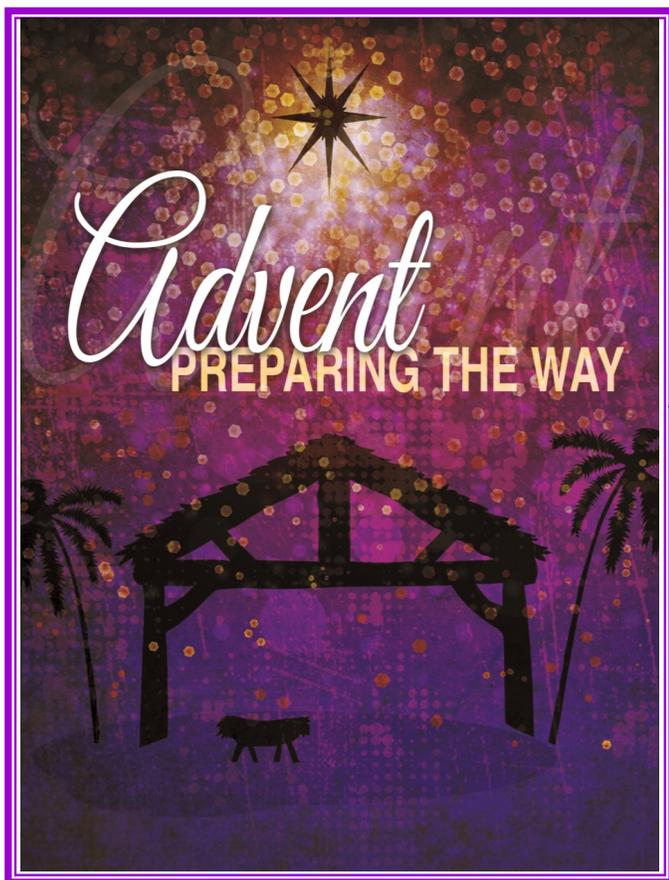


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

## December 2, 2018 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.



### DECEMBER 2ND FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

### DECEMBER 9TH SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:14-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

### Advent Penitential Service With Individual Confession

Thursday, December 13

7:00 p.m.

### Masses For Christmas 2018

#### Christmas Eve Mass:

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 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

**Saturday, December 1**

**Weekday**

**Catholic University Collection**

9:00A-12:15P First Penance Workshop  
 9:30A-1130A Prayer Shawl  
 4:00P Individual Confession  
 5:00P Mass

**Sunday, December 2**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Catholic University Collection**

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

**Monday, December 3**

**St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

8:00A Rosary  
 8:30A Mass  
 4:30P SOAR

**Tuesday, December 4**

**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 5**

**Advent Weekday**

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

**Thursday, December 6**

**Advent Weekday**

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

**Friday, December 7**

**St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**St Peter's Soup Kitchen**  
**No Rosary & no morning Mass/ Communion Service**  
 7:00P Mass for Immaculate Con.

**Saturday, December 8**

**Immaculate Conception**

8:30A Mass-Immaculate Con.  
 9:30-11:30A Advent Retreat  
 4:00P Individual Confession  
 5:00P Mass

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**Office Hours**

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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.

Offertory Update	Actual	Target
Nov. 17 & 18	\$7,079	
ACH/CC Nov. 17 & 18	\$1,950	
Nov. 24 & 25	\$5,465	
ACH/CC Nov. 24 & 25	\$1,322	
YTD	\$204,895	\$232,650

**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.

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 Russell Dalba From Children

# Seeds for the Journey

This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and the start of a very busy time of the year, facing many demands and expectations. Along with our usual duties, there are Advent and Christmas decorations; gifts to be bought and wrapped; cards to be sent; meals to be prepared; and holiday gatherings to be arranged and attended. These activities may leave some of us feeling anxious, overwhelmed, stressed out, and fail to focus on the real reason for Advent and Christmas Season.

During this holiday season the commercial world appeals to us to prepare for Christmas by buying new items. However, to prepare truly for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, something has to change in our hearts, minds and lives. John the Baptist's message to us is that the preparation for the Messiah demands from us a radical change of life style. We have to put God and spiritual exercises for enriching our souls, mind and heart first in everything we do and say. John's message and invitation is direct and clear: repentance for the forgiveness of sins, for God's Kingdom is at hand. That is why we have the Advent Penance Service and individual confessions on December 13th at 7:00 p.m. To prepare the way for Jesus we have to turn away from sin so that we may be ready to receive our Lord and live more fully for God. And as God becomes more and more the center of our lives, we are to give witness to our faith in Jesus through spiritual renewal and acts of kindness to others.

We can still find joy and peace amidst all the busyness if we acknowledge the most important thing is to build the Kingdom of God as we prepare for Jesus' birthday and His second coming in glory. If you choose to decorate or send cards, try to use those which reflect the spiritual significance of the birth of Jesus Christ. Perhaps, in your budget on your Christmas list plan to include a gift for our Giving Tree and a donation to St. Paul's Church. Keep in mind that holiday season gatherings present wonderful opportunities to restore/rebuild peace and harmony within families and friends.

Remember, daily prayers, reading Holy Scriptures, Sacrament of Penance, listening to Christmas songs, attending Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and actions of charity makes it possible for each of us to stay focused on Jesus Christ.

May we work with peace, patience, gentleness, compassion and love to make ready the way for the Lord and let us shout: "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!"

Have a blessed Advent and subsequently a joyous Christmas season.

*Father Paul*

## The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree routine remains the same as previous years. Remove a tag (or tags), purchase the item, and return the gifts, unwrapped, to the Tree by **Sunday, December 16th**, the last day for you to return the gifts. There are envelopes on the tree for donations for heating fuel for families in need. You can put these envelopes in the collection. Please make your check out to "St. Paul's" and mark your check with "Fuel" in the memo line.

The gifts need to be delivered on December 9th and December 16th. If you and your family would like to make a delivery please call Kathy Fetes at 747-6534. The deliveries will be made after the 11 a.m. Mass on these two Sundays.

The recipient families from Our Lady of the Americas have come to rely on these gifts for their children. Thank you for your continued support of this annual project. May God bless you this Christmas season!

## Wine Appreciation 101 was an A+

Our second wine tasting event, Wine Appreciation 101 was an informative and delicious evening. If you missed it, you missed out! Will from Eagle Crest and O-Neh-Da vineyards presented a fascinating (and sometime humorous) history of various wines along with practical information on how to choose and serve them.

Thanks to the efforts of many of St Paul's best cooks, we enjoyed a tremendous variety of appetizers and desserts. We are very grateful for their delicious contributions to the evening.

Also thank you to those members of staff and Pastoral Council who graciously spent their evening helping to make this event successful. We had tickets sellers, cooks, servers, wine pourers, photographers, and a clean up crew. Great job everyone! Thank you!



Advent is a time to recall the cry of the early Christians: "Marantha! Come, Lord Jesus!" The communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with individual absolution and penance on Thursday, December 13th at 7 p.m. is one way of helping us in preparing for the coming of our Lord at Christmas and Second Coming at the end of time.

Advent is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of forgiveness and reconciliation. The scriptures both Old Testament and New Testament have stories of God's compassion, healing, mercy and forgiveness. Read Old Testament Psalm 32, 130, Isaiah 1:18 and New Testament 1 John 1:9, Luke 15:1-32, Luke 18:9-14.

For forgiveness and reconciliation God requires human cooperation. That is why we are encouraged to have contrition and awareness of our sins and confess, to a priest who is authorized to listen to the penitent and administer absolution to him or her. **Fr. Gonyo and Fr. Mike Mayer** will be here to help me. The Sacrament of Reconciliation not only gives us the forgiveness of our sins but also healing and grace to overcome the devil's temptations. Jesus entrusted to the church the power to forgive sins in His name: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them..." (John 20:23). "After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obligated to confess faithfully his or her serious sins at least once a year" (Canon Law, 989). But we are very much encouraged to confess our sins during Advent, Lent and any other time. Go for confession and hear these wonderful words of absolution: **"God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of His Son has reconciled the world to Himself. And sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins, through the ministry of the Church. May God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!"**

### Masses for the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, December 7th  
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 8th  
8:30 a.m.

Have You Read...

**Kingsbury, Karen  
Gideon's Gift**

When Earl Badgett lost the two people who were the most precious to him, his wife and daughter, he ended up living on the street, angry and heartbroken. He abandoned any belief he once had in the existence of God. Ten years later, he meets Gideon, an eight-year-old leukemia patient who believes with all her heart that God loves us very much. She is sure her Christmas remission is a gift from God; she wants to share with Earl her belief that Christmas miracles happen to those who believe. She is determined to reach this lonely and hurting man who hates Christmas; he is just as determined to rebuff her. When she gives him a gift at the mission diner he sometimes visits, she hopes he can accept it and find his way back to love and hope. (Call No. FIC-KIN)

**Important Notice**

A size large men's black leather jacket was picked up in error from the narthex coat rack and a similar jacket, size 2XL, was left behind. If you wear such a coat can you please check that you have the correct one and if not, please call the office so we can help with the switch. Thanks!

**Second Collection**

Today's second collection is for The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington D.C. CUA provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Every dollar we give directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. Thank you for generosity.

**Christmas Flowers**



Christmas Flower envelopes are located at the church entrances. We will use the parishioner info from the front of the envelope to note who the memorial is from, so if you want something different listed, please write that as well.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's Church". You may send it in any time, with a deadline of December 17th to be included in the bulletin. You can also request a Christmas flower memorial on our website. Use the "Donate" link. Please note there is a 50 character limit, if you can't fit everyone, contact Robin or Jodie by calling 671-2100 and we can adjust it for you. Thank you!

For the Children

**Rosenthal, Amy Krouse  
Christmas Cookies: Bite-Size  
Holiday Lessons**

With the sweet, eye-catching illustrations, we learn all about anticipation, tradition, disappointment, celebration, appreciation, and many more ideas that can be wrapped up with the emotions of a child making Christmas cookies. Each page has pictures matched perfectly to text so that even the youngest who cannot read may begin to understand these life lessons. An excellent book to read and snuggle with your child. A recipe for Christmas cookies is included to help experience holiday festivities first-hand. E ROS Kindergarten through Grade 3

**Ministry Fair 2018**

Many thanks for the various ministry volunteers who shared their time and talent at our recent Ministry Fair, and to the many parishioners who stopped by to chat and sign up to help our St. Paul's family in different ways. We are so grateful to all of you!

**Number of Volunteers Who Signed Up To Help Each Committee**

- Good Sam Outreach +7
- Martha's +11
- St. Peter's Soup Kitchen +4
- Choir +2
- Greeters +5
- Library +7
- Lector/Commentator +4
- St. Pauly Box +1
- Webster Comfort Care +2
- Sacristans +2
- Coffee & Donuts +6 families covering 10 weekends
- CLOW +2
- Prayer Shawl +2

**55 signatures tallied on sign-up sheets  
48 different individuals and 7 individuals signed up for more than one ministry.**



## Ministry Schedule for December 8 &amp; 9, 2018

	5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	Patrick Mason Alyssa Bower	Grace Parulski Anna Marie Parulski	Gianna Fullone Lucy Rynkiewicz
<b>Ushers</b>	Alice Bower Kevin Nuwer	Dan Milner Katie Milner Paul Fetter	Fred Compertore Marilyn Merrigan
<b>Sacristans</b>	Olbrich Family	Lyons Family	Don & Rosemarie Schaeffer
<b>Lectors Commentators</b>	Anya Swinson David Swinson	Josephine Cozzo Maureen Keegan	Laure Barr Kim Rosetti Patterson
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Lena Cardone John Cardone Liz Kmiecinski Pat Thomas Christine Grant Jill Cosgrove	Peter Pellitteri Pat Amedeo Jack Black Marianne Ferrara Allan Schichtel Mary Catherine Zona	Michele Cheeseman Sandra Happ Jim Mattiucci Joanne Mattiucci Janet Slusar Bill Green
<b>Greeters</b>	Joseph & Gale Lovejoy <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Judy Soper Corrine Volo Jean Van Apeldoorn	Pumputis Family
<b>Linens</b>	Pat Rotundo		
<b>CLOW</b>		Crissy Picca	Barb Robbins

**THE LORD WILL BESTOW HIS BOUNTY***Psalm 85 - The coming age of peace and justice*

Psalm 85:13

Russell Weismann



The Lord will be-stow his boun - ty, and our earth shall yield its in-crease.

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To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul.....(*Inside Front Cover Of Hymnal*)  
 O Come, Divine Messiah!.....(*Venes, Divin Messie*).....No. 401  
 Each Winter As The Year Grow Older.....(*Carol Of Hope*).....No. 419  
 The King Shall Come.....(*Morning Song*).....No. 414  
 Readings: No. 993  
 Psalm: 25.....To You, O Lord: No. 993

**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