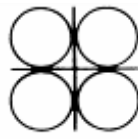


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

December 29, 2019 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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.



THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

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DECEMBER 29TH THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

JANUARY 5TH THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

CMA Update As of December 19, 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.

53.39%
of our goal



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 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Food Collection

3:00P Individual Confession
4:00P Mass

Sunday, December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Food Collection

No CLOW
No Coffee & Donuts
No SOAR
No Confirmation Prep
No Youth Group
9:00A Mass
11:00A Mass

Monday, December 30

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord No SOAR

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Communion Service

Tuesday, December 31

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord New Year's Eve

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Communion Service

Wednesday, January 1

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord: Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Parish Office Closed

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00A Mass

Thursday, January 2

Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Communion Service
9:00A Vac Pac

Friday, January 3

Christmas Weekday

St. Peter's Soup Kitchen

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Communion Service

Saturday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

9:30A Prayer Shawl
12:00P Confirmation Prep
Epiphany Celebration Yr. 1 & 2
3:00P Individual Confession
4:00P Mass

Parish Staff

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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)	<u>\$13,889</u>	<u>\$(27,730)</u>

Average Weekly Mass Attendance 541 479

*November collections include 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 Josh Bartlett
 Zach Bartlett Sean Black
 Bryan Gross Shawn Reidy
 Alec Konrad Tom Weisenreder
 Mason Serrano Andrew O'Brien
 Andrew Zani Cydney Blong
 Jay Riesenberger Michael J. Desiato
 Daniel Thomas



This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for
 Bernard Hyde
 From
 Mary Madlen

Seeds for the Journey

Mary, Our Mother

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend, may we stop for a while to contemplate one member in particular—*Mary*. The Catholic resource organization *Dynamic Catholic* has described Mary as the most famous woman in history, inspiring more art and music than any other woman who has lived. She has captured the imaginations of men and women of all faiths, even appearing on the cover of *Time* magazine more than any other person!

During the Advent and Christmas seasons we bump into Mary everywhere: we acknowledge her Immaculate Conception on December 8th; honor her gift of mercy and compassion as Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th; celebrate the birth of her son and God's on December 25th; pay homage to the entire Holy Family on December 29th; recognize her as the Holy Mother of God on January 1st; and commemorate the visitation of the magi to her newborn son on January 6th.

We experience Mary during many of the critical times in the life of Jesus. It was *she* who coached *him* to perform his first miracle—the changing of water into wine at the marriage at Cana. Bowed beneath the weight of his cross, Jesus encountered his mother on the way to Calvary. While hanging on that cross, he entrusted his disciple John to his mother, and vice versa. We find Mary still at the foot of the cross when Jesus dies (the other disciples have scattered in fear), and after Jesus' ascension, Mary is among those who gather in the upper room.

These are big, swooping events, and in the face of them, along with the miraculous appearances of Mary throughout history, we can forget that she is in fact simply our mother. *Mary is very simply our mother*, and like every mother she is interested in the details of our lives and wants them to work out. When we invite her to get involved in the little matters of our lives, she enters with gusto and makes herself—and God's will—unmistakably known!

Here's one little example: As I mentioned previously, I was raised in another Christian tradition, and in that tradition we were taught that Mary was simply a random Jewish girl whom God favored with the motherhood of His son. We do not pray to her, as that would be idolatry, and she is not a saint, as no one but Jesus was saintly. Then, during one Easter vacation when I was a teenager, I watched a movie on Our Lady of Fatima at a Catholic friend's house. I was mesmerized. I knew in the depth of my heart that everything I had just seen was absolutely true. I knew Mary was much more than a random girl and that her love and presence were accessible to us. I started praying to Mary, and over many years of speaking to her often, I came to know her and even rely on her as a loving, maternal presence who seemed to care deeply about how I was living my life. (I was not Catholic during this time.)

Then during the late 1980s I returned to Buffalo after living and teaching English in California for many years. I was looking for another position but not having much success. When I began praying fervently to Mary I was struck with the thought that I should see if Mary had a school dedicated to her. I checked the Yellow Pages (dating myself here) and found St. Mary's High School! When I called, the Assistant Principal told me that yes, they had an opening for an English teacher but they had just filled it. Would I like to offer my name and number as a substitute teacher? Yes, I would. The next day he called and said that after speaking with me something told him that before offering the position to the other person, he should at least meet me and speak with me. Would I agree to do this without any guarantee of a job? Yes, I would. We met and talked and got on quite well, and then he said, "I've never done this before, but I feel very strongly that you should be our English teacher. Would you like the job?" Yes, I would!

Mary, our Mother, never fails to enter even the most mundane of our life experiences to keep us on the path of our Father's will.

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St. Paul's CMA Update

A donor - who is not a parishioner of St. Paul's - has given \$5,000 to the Catholic Ministries Appeal on behalf of St. Paul's. This is encouraging as it indicates that God is on our side! We need to work hard to continue to reach our goal.

We pray for this generous donor and all those who continue to support the diocese through the CMA campaign.



There are just a few days left in 2019 to make a tax-deductible year end contribution to St. Paul's.

As another year comes to a close and we thank God for the many blessings we have received throughout the year, please remember St. Paul's in your Christmas generosity. It's through your donations that we are able to carry on our work.

Envelopes are at the doors or you can also make your donation online by credit card or checking/savings via the "Donate" link on our web site at stpaulsrcc.org. Statements will be mailed to all donors by the end of January. We are deeply grateful for your support. Happy New Year!



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 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.

**WELCOME
TO ST. PAUL'S
FR. BILL ENDRES**

With Sincere Thanks

Dear St. Paul's,
Thank you to the School of Awesome Religion and the Parishioners of St. Paul's Church for your generous donation from the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

As always, you have supported Hope House in serving the families in need from our community.

Sincerely,
Hope House

Have You Read...

Coffey, Kathy **Experiencing God with** **Your Children**

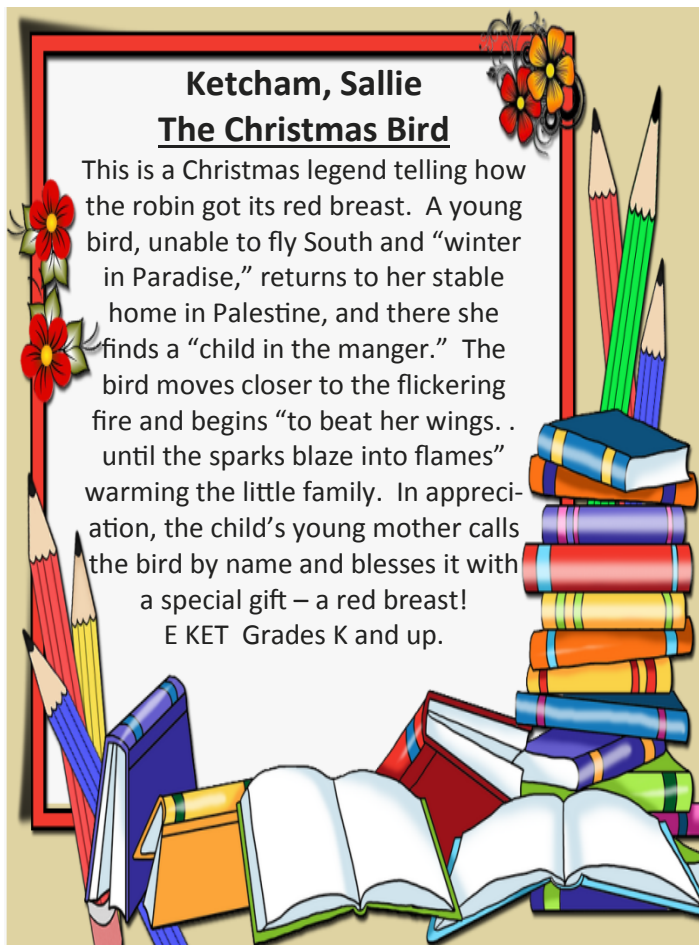
On this feast of the Holy Family, a reminder that the John Walsh Library has many books about family life and parenting. In this book, Kathy Coffey recounts the reverence and the hilarity her family found as they searched for God with their children. They discovered God in cars, concert halls, beaches, and dentists' offices. She admits frustration at long, formal prayers offered by people with no understanding of the short attention span of hungry children. "At one end of the dinner table is a sixteen-year-old keeling over with boredom, while at the other end is a two-year-old sticking French fries up her nose." The idea that parenting doesn't have to be perfect, but simply "good enough" can bring tremendous relief to many overwhelmed parents. We can cultivate the awareness of blessings; we can realize that our family is loved and redeemed. We are right where God wants us to be. (Call No. 248.4-COF)

For the Children

Ketcham, Sallie **The Christmas Bird**

This is a Christmas legend telling how the robin got its red breast. A young bird, unable to fly South and "winter in Paradise," returns to her stable home in Palestine, and there she finds a "child in the manger." The bird moves closer to the flickering fire and begins "to beat her wings. . . until the sparks blaze into flames" warming the little family. In appreciation, the child's young mother calls the bird by name and blesses it with a special gift – a red breast!

E KET Grades K and up.



We are now taking reservations for the January 24, 2020 "March for Life" Bus Trip to Washington, DC, leaving from The Church of the Holy Spirit (leaves January 23th @ 9pm). If you would like to attend, please visit our web site at <http://march4life.gmsander.info> and fill out a reservation request form. The cost this year is \$40 per person.

For more information, visit the web site, or call Gerry Sander at 585-503-3256 or email us at: committeeoflife@yahoo.com.

St. Rita School **Family Information Night**



1008 Maple Drive
Webster, NY
(585) 671-3132

Call to Schedule a Tour!

Pre K – Grade 5
January 22nd
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Presentation at 7:00 p.m. followed by tours

St. Rita School is a place
"Where Faith and Knowledge Meet"

Ministry Schedule for January 4 & 5, 2020

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	Hannah Brodt Maggie Corriveau	Lucca Picca Massimo Picca	Elena Martinez-Nobrega Evan Pumputis
Ushers	Arnie Read Chris Strait	Herb Gauch Neil Rojek	Fred Compertore Marilyn Merrigan
Sacristans	Christine Grant	D.A. Hutnick	Marge Gascon
Lectors Commentators	Claudia Swinson Karen O'Toole	Jack Black Maureen Keegan	Tim Thomas Scott Rutan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Kathy Olbrich Dennis Olbrich Ellen Oinen Don Oinen Christine Grant Karen Napoli	Al Granville Christine Lyons Beth Koopman Bill Galbraith Sandy Doehler Allan Schichtel	Jim Mattiucci Joanne Mattiucci Fred Compertore George Hanley Christopher Koppen Ellen Santora
Greeters	Janet Trippe Volunteers Needed	Mike Fredericks Ron Cimino Corrine Volo	Anne Hauber Nancy Willard Volunteer Needed
Linens	Roberta Pilato		

Music for December 29th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



Once In Royal David's City (*Irby*).....No. 455
 Carol At The Manger (*Joyous Light*).....No. 443
 What Child Is This (*Greensleeves*).....No. 466
 Angels We Have Heard On High (*Gloria*).....No. 430

Readings: No. 1007

Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You.....No. 1007

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.

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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