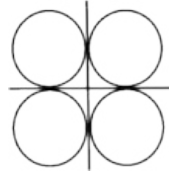


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

December 29, 2024 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

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
- Lk 2:46

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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.



Monday, December 30
Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, December 31
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
 New Year's Eve
 Parish Office Closed
 No Rosary Group
 8:30A Mass

Wednesday, January 1
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
 New Year's Day
 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
 8:30A Mass

Friday, January 3
Christmas Weekday
 No Mass
 8:30A Vac Pac

Saturday, January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 Birthday Blessing Weekend
 10:00 Prayer Shawl mtg.
 2:00P Confession
 4:00P Mass
 6:30P OCIA mtg.

Sunday, January 5
Epiphany of the Lord
 Birthday Blessing Weekend
 9:00A Mass
 10:00A SOR classes
 10:00A Coffee & Donut Hour
 11:00A Mass-Choir sings
 12:00P Coffee & Donut Hour

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Financial Snapshot

	November 2024	July-November 2024
Collections	\$31,950	\$187,416
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,994	\$18,271
Expenses	\$34,692	\$229,342
Operating surplus/deficit	\$1,252	\$(23,654)

**Let Us Pray
 for Those in the Military**

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
Bryan Gross	Cydney Blong
Tom Weisenreder	Michael J. Desiato
Mason Serrano	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for
 Marie Soprano
 From
 Theresa & family*

Seeds for the Journey

Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The entire Church today celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is very fitting during this Christmas season. Today is the fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model and exemplar of all Christian families. The Holy Family as you are aware, comprises of our Redeemer Jesus, his mother Mary, who conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and his foster Father, Joseph. Jesus, the Word Made Flesh, the Son of God who became man for our salvation remains the central figure. Mary, his mother according to His human nature is titled mother of God because her son is Divine. Joseph who was not his biological father, was guided by an angel to assume the responsibilities of fatherhood. He performed the role of what Pope John Paul II described as "custodian of the Redeemer."

We do not know much about the early life of Jesus. Scripture tells us about the flight to Egypt when Herod wanted to kill Jesus, the return to Nazareth and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old Jesus accompanied his parents to the Temple in Jerusalem. Today's Gospel text tells us about the latter. When his parents were on their way back to Jerusalem, the boy Jesus, remained in Jerusalem but his parents did not know it. They returned to Jerusalem to look for him, and found him in the Temple after three days, sitting in the midst of his teachers who were astounded at his understanding and answers. The gospel tells us that Jesus went to Nazareth with his parents and was obedient to them.

Through this feast, Children could see in their father, Joseph who took great care of Jesus and guided him in life. They should see our Blessed Mother, Mary, as the perfect model for their own Mother. Children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word, and action, just as Jesus was obedient to Mary and Joseph.

In his General Audience of December 28, 2011, Feast of the Holy Family, Pope Benedict XVI said the following: "the house of Nazareth is a school of prayer where one learns to listen, meditate on and penetrate the profound meaning of the manifestation of the Son of God, following the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus." As Christians, we are encouraged daily to pray as a family. Catholic parents have a responsibility to introduce their kids and grandkids to a life of prayer and to have a relationship with God. In his Apostolic Exhortation on the Family, *Familiaris Consortio*, Pope Saint John Paul II describes the family as a Domestic Church in which the child is introduced into God's family through Baptism and education in the faith. He identified four broad roles of the family:

- Formation of a community of persons
- Serving Life
- Participating in the Development of Society
- Sharing in the life and Mission of the Church

The Christian family is a believing and evangelizing community. It is a community in dialogue with God, achieved through family prayer. A family that prays together, satays together.

Anselm



January 1, 2025
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Parish Office is closed December 31 & January 1st in observance of the holiday.

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 website. Please contact your ministry leader if you are not sure of the status of your activity.

Please be safe, if you are not comfortable driving in the inclement weather please stay home. We will see you once the weather is passable.

YOU'RE INVITED TO
Coffee & Donuts
Sunday, January 5
 After the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Thank you from Good Sam Outreach

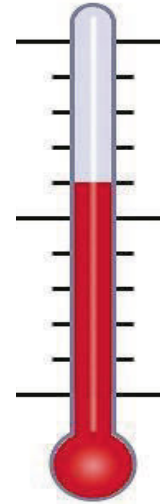


Many thanks for your participation in the Christmas Giving Tree to benefit Corpus Christi Parish in Rochester. Through your generosity, Christmas was brighter and happier for the numerous families who received Christmas baskets full of your donations. Thank you and God bless you all.



Totals as of:
 12/17/24

Goal
 \$100,000



Pledged
 \$61,450

61.45%
of our goal

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



Birthday Blessing Weekend

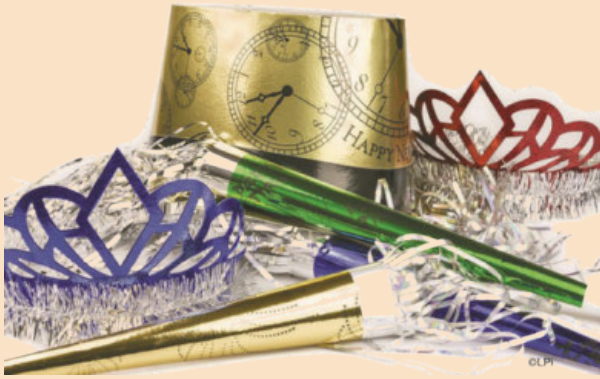
Get your singing voices ready....it's almost the first weekend of the month! Please join us at Mass next weekend, January 4 & 5 as we celebrate January birthdays. Fr. Paul will give a special blessing followed by the congregation singing Happy Birthday. You don't want to miss it!

2024 Donation Statements

Due to diocesan guidelines, we will be sending 2024 donation statements to all who have made donations this year. We have to have them out by January 31 and hopefully much sooner. So if you made a donation in 2024, you will receive a statement.

Thank you!

A Prayer for the New Year



God of all time, help us enter the new year quietly,
 thoughtful of who we are to ourselves
 and to others,
 mindful that our steps make an impact
 and our words carry power.
 May we walk gently.
 May we speak only after we have listened well.
 Creator of all life,
 help us enter the new year reverently,
 aware that You have endowed
 every creature and plant, every person and habitat
 with beauty and purpose.
 May we regard the world with tenderness.
 May we honor rather than destroy.
 Lover of all souls,
 help us enter the new year joyfully,
 willing to laugh and dance and dream,
 remembering our many gifts with thanks
 and looking forward to blessings yet to come.
 May we welcome your lavish love.
 In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ
 bless us now and in the days ahead.
 Amen.

- Vinita Hampton Wright; Offered by Douglas Ruschman



From the John Walsh Library

Oliver, Mary
Devotions

(The Selected Poems of Mary Oliver)



As Father Martin said in Learning to Pray (reviewed previously), there are many ways to pray. Reading and reflecting on the poems of Mary Oliver, a well-known and beloved poet, could be one way. Her poems reflect her love of the physical world and the bonds that connect all living things. The sound of a wren singing fills her with wonder. "What could this be if it isn't a prayer?" When hearing the biblical story about Christmas night, she thinks about the unheralded participants. "On the outskirts of Jerusalem, the donkey waited, not especially brave or filled with understanding. I hope finally he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him, as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward. Like Father Martin, she also has advice about praying. "Patch a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate. This isn't a contest, but the doorway into thanks and into a silence into which another voice may speak." She has advice for all of us: "Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it." (Call No. 811.54-OLI)



Gratitude to our Faith Formation Students

We are extremely grateful to the Confirmation candidates and students of our School of Religion for their great generosity by providing food items to help feed some families in need in Rochester. May God bless our Confirmation and School of Religion families.

Ministry Schedule for January 4 & 5, 2025

Due to the bulletin being sent to press early, some ministry schedules have not been completed yet. If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to let them know your availability.

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Cantors	TBD	TBD	TBD
EMHC	Bob Frank Volunteer Needed	Jack Black DA Hutnick	Ellen Santora Volunteer Needed
Greeters	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Lectors	Barb Robbins	Ethan Navarette	Tim Thomas
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	TBD	TBD	TBD
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Tom Napoli	Chris Yuskiw
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	TBD TBD	TBD TBD

St. Paul's Advent Retreat December 14, 2024





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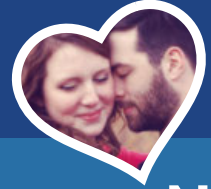
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