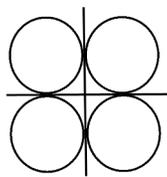


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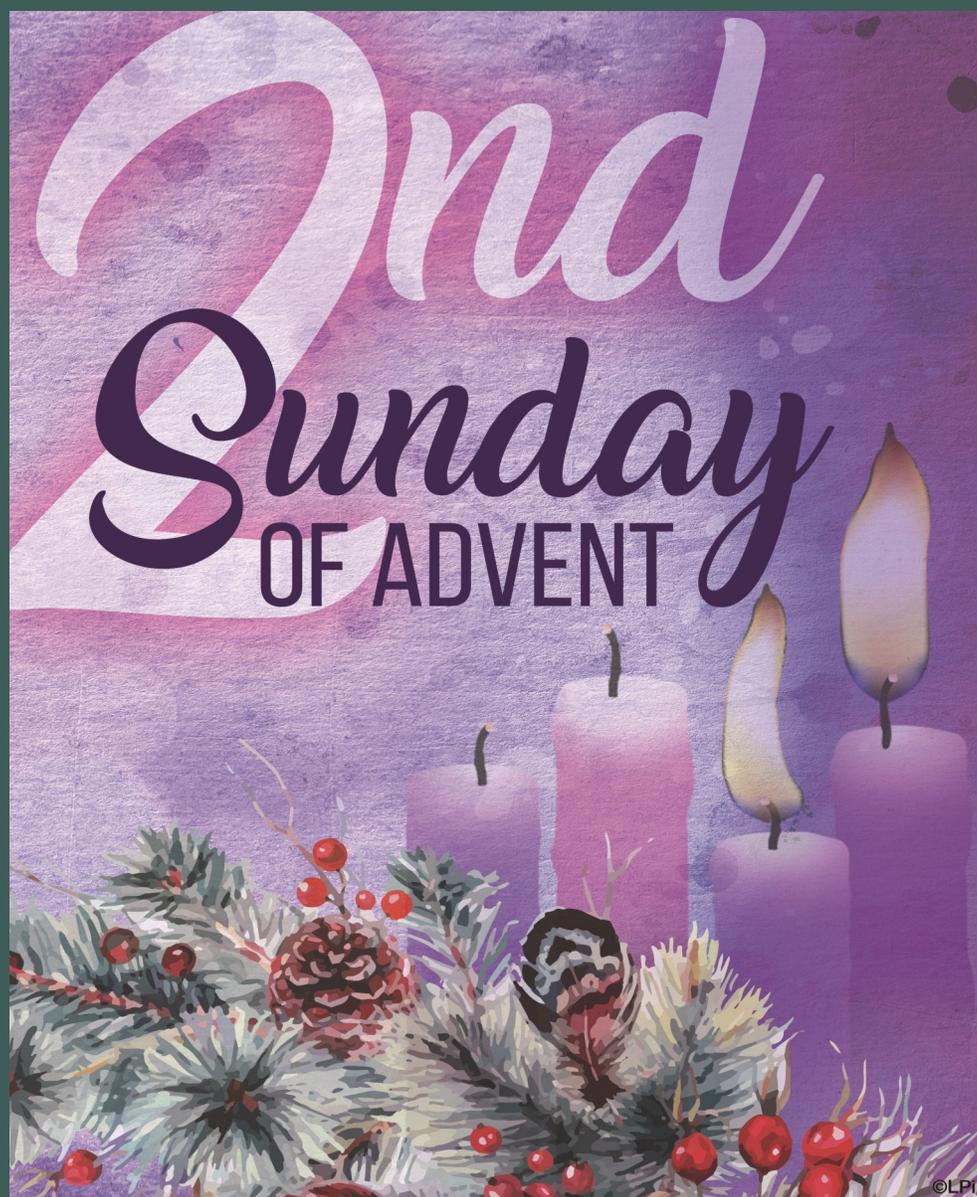


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

December 6, 2020 Second 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.



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Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Confession

Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.
 or by appointment

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday &
 Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed
 Sacrament**

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Parish Staff



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Parish Trustees: Deb Urtz-Gleason & Dave Galeazzo
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Office Contact Info

The parish office is still closed to visitors, however we are in the office to answer phone calls on Monday-Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday & Friday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

Phone: 671- 2100
Emergency Number: 369-9687
Website: www.stpaulsrcc.org
Diocese of Rochester: www.dor.org

Upcoming Events



Tuesday, December 8
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holyday of Obligation is suspended due to COVID-19)
 8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 9
Advent Weekday
 8:30 a.m. Mass
 9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 10
Advent Weekday
 8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
 2:00-3:00 p.m. Individual confession
 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 13
Third Sunday of Advent
 10:00 a.m. Mass

Financial Snapshot

	October 2020	July 2020-October2020
Collections	\$35,172	\$140,088
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,038	\$16,305
Expenses	\$58,636	\$204,799
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(20,426)	\$(48,406)

Expenses include quarterly invoices paid in July & October.
 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
 Tom Weisenreder
 Mason Serrano
 Andrew Zani
 Jay Riesenberger

Josh Bartlett
 Sean Black
 Andrew O'Brien
 Cydney Blong
 Michael J. Desiato
 Daniel Thomas

This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns
 for
 Michael B. Mead
 From
 The Hurzy family

Seeds for the Journey

Church Covid Update:

During this global pandemic we are committed to keeping you, our parishioners, as safe as possible while ensuring your access to Mass and the Sacraments. Similarly, we strive to provide a safe workplace for our staff.

There is always risk in leaving your home at this time. However, by following the CDC and Diocesan Guidelines for dealing with the virus, we are trying to reduce this risk. When we see areas for improvement, we make adjustments.

As you are likely aware, several weeks ago we were informed that someone at Mass had tested Covid positive. When we informed the parishioners who had attended these Masses, the reaction was swift, which is why we have made some changes.

Masks: We have a strict policy that masks are required to be worn at all times in the building. We even require this for our staff when they are alone in the office, due to the limited and varying information on aerosols from breathing and speaking and how long they persist. The only exception to this was the lectors and commentators because of the concern that they may be difficult to hear speaking through their masks.

However, we have realized that this is not consistent with the overall goal of limiting aerosols, especially in an indoor environment. We are now requiring even the lectors and commentators to wear them throughout Mass, even when reading.

Social Distancing: We limit the access to the church to a single door in and out and made the Narthex into an area for sanitizing and checking in. But we have noticed that as the pandemic has dragged on, people are becoming lax at social distancing, particularly when entering and leaving. People are lingering in close groups in the Narthex and are gathering together to talk in church after Mass. We ask that you please keep moving through the narthex to your seat and when leaving, if you wish to visit with friends to please move outside. We understand the need to connect with people but ask that you please maintain a safe distance.

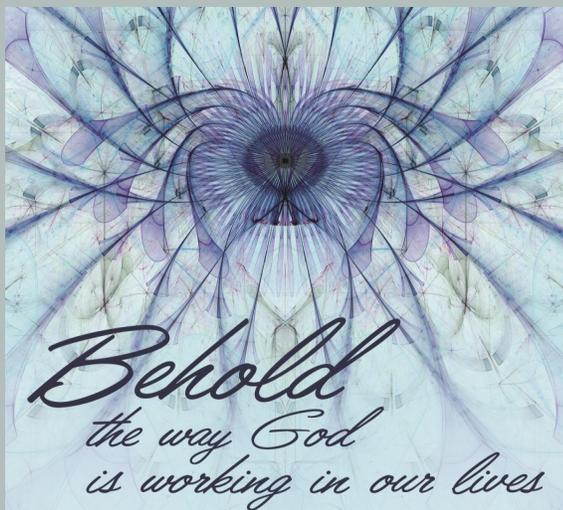
It was also observed that many folks were stopping to chat with Fr Paul and Deacon Mark which was not safe for anyone as few were maintaining six feet. A number of people expressed concern about this after being notified of the Covid positive parishioner. As a result Fr Paul and Deacon Mark will no longer be standing in the Narthex before and after Mass. They are both still available via phone and email.

Several greeters also were concerned since they approach each person entering the building to ask their name. So we have stopped checking people in when entering and are encouraging our greeter (and all of our volunteers) to do their jobs from six feet.

Please sign up! We do need to know if you plan on coming so we can have the chairs set up so please help us out and sign up! We really don't want to restrict anyone from coming but if too many people show up as walk-ins and we don't have enough seats, we may eventually have to.

Thanks for your patience with all of this. We really just want to keep everyone safe. We have a large number of vulnerable parishioners and don't want to lose anyone as we love you all!

Robin



The Giving Tree



We have all trudged through the most amazing 10 months—global pandemic, economic upheaval, social distancing, disrupted schedules, not to mention Zoom classrooms! Well, here's yet another time-honored tradition to bite the dust. But take heart! The mechanics of our Giving Tree have changed but we are still able to provide needy children with some Christmas joy.

There will no longer be tags on our Tree; instead we have compiled a list of gift items that can be purchased and will be delivered as usual to the children of Our Lady of the Americas parish.

Below you will find a list of suggested items. **Any of these gifts may be for a boy or girl, any size, infant to 16.** Purchase what you can, bring the items, unwrapped, to St Paul's and put them in the box in the narthex closet next to the library no later than **December 20.**

Thank you for being flexible and understanding. If you have questions please call Cathy Fetes at 747-6534. The need this year is greater than ever.... Thank you for your continued generosity! May God bless you all during this holiday season. Please stay safe and healthy!

**PANTS or JEANS
PAJAMAS,
MITTENS, GLOVES, HATS,
SHIRTS or TOPS,
UNDERWEAR, SOCKS
TOYS or BOOKS**

Bethany House Wish List for December

Food for Christmas Baskets:

Canned green beans, canned corn, mac & cheese, boxed mashed potatoes & rice

Stocking Stuffers:

Small bottles of hand sanitizer, hand lotions, chapstick, candy/mints & fuzzy socks

Please place your donations (in a paper bag) in the collection box in the Narthex during Mass. **(Enter the narthex via the door on the left and remember to wear your mask and to social distance!!!)** The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations to Bethany House at the end of the month. Thank you!



Christmas Flowers

The proceeds from this collection are used for the flowers and greenery adorning the church and altar throughout the Christmas season.

If you wish to make a donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please note the name(s) on the envelope. The memorials will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. We use the parishioner info on the front of the envelope to note who the donation is from, so if you want something different, please note that as well.

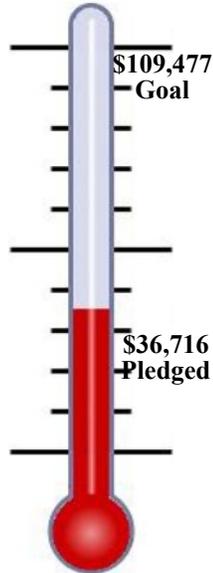
If you don't receive envelopes and wish to donate for Christmas flowers, just send Robin a note or an email with the information. Or you can make the donation online on the donation page on our website. There is a text box to note who the donation is in memory of.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's Church". You may send it in any time, with a deadline of **December 16** to make it into the bulletin. We will also list the memorials on our web site.

If you have any questions please contact Robin at 671-2100 ext. 30 or robin.martz@dor.org Thank you!

CMA Update As of November 25, 2020

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



33.54%
of our goal



The active phase of our parish CMA campaign continues. Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider a gift. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. Every gift to the CMA helps those in need, supports the mission of the Church, and comes back to help our parish. Thank you. Let us continue to pray for the success of our efforts.



Giving Options

Go to our web site (stpaulsrcc.org) and click on the **DONATE** link.



Or give through your bank's online bill pay feature.

Try the **GIVEPLUS+** MOBILE APP



To donate by text, send your contribution amount to 833-931-1892



Mail your check:
St. Paul Church
783 Hard Road
Webster, NY 14580

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

Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester

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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
(Is 40:3)

PSALM:

Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

SECOND READING:

The day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,
and the earth and everything done on it will be found
out. (2 Pt 3:10)

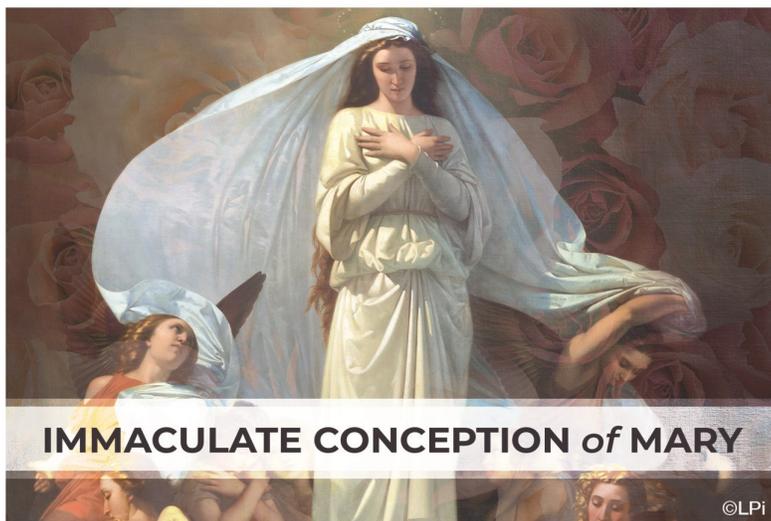
GOSPEL:

"One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs
of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mk 1:7b-8)

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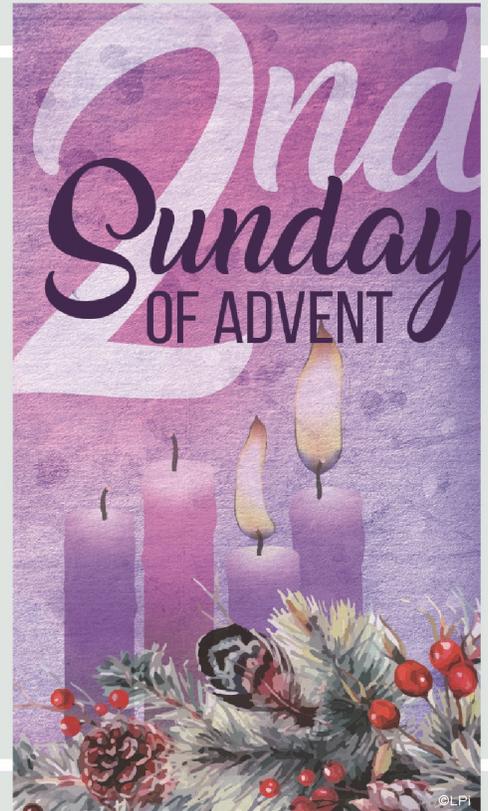
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Friday:	St. Damasus I, Pope
Saturday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Advent



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of MARY

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REFLECT

FIRST READING:

Five hundred years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah prophesied these words of comfort and hope to the Israelites captive in Babylon. What would bring comfort and hope to you in this season of Advent?

SECOND READING:

Today we hear how Peter challenged those in his day who denied that Christ would return. Peter argued that our human timeline is not God's timeline. How do you reason with people today who deny the fundamentals of our faith?

GOSPEL:

Mark opens his Gospel by presenting the words and activities of John the Baptist in the context of fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy heard in our first reading. Why do you think connecting Isaiah to John the Baptist was important to Mark and his community?