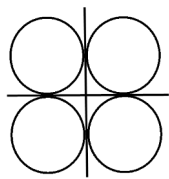


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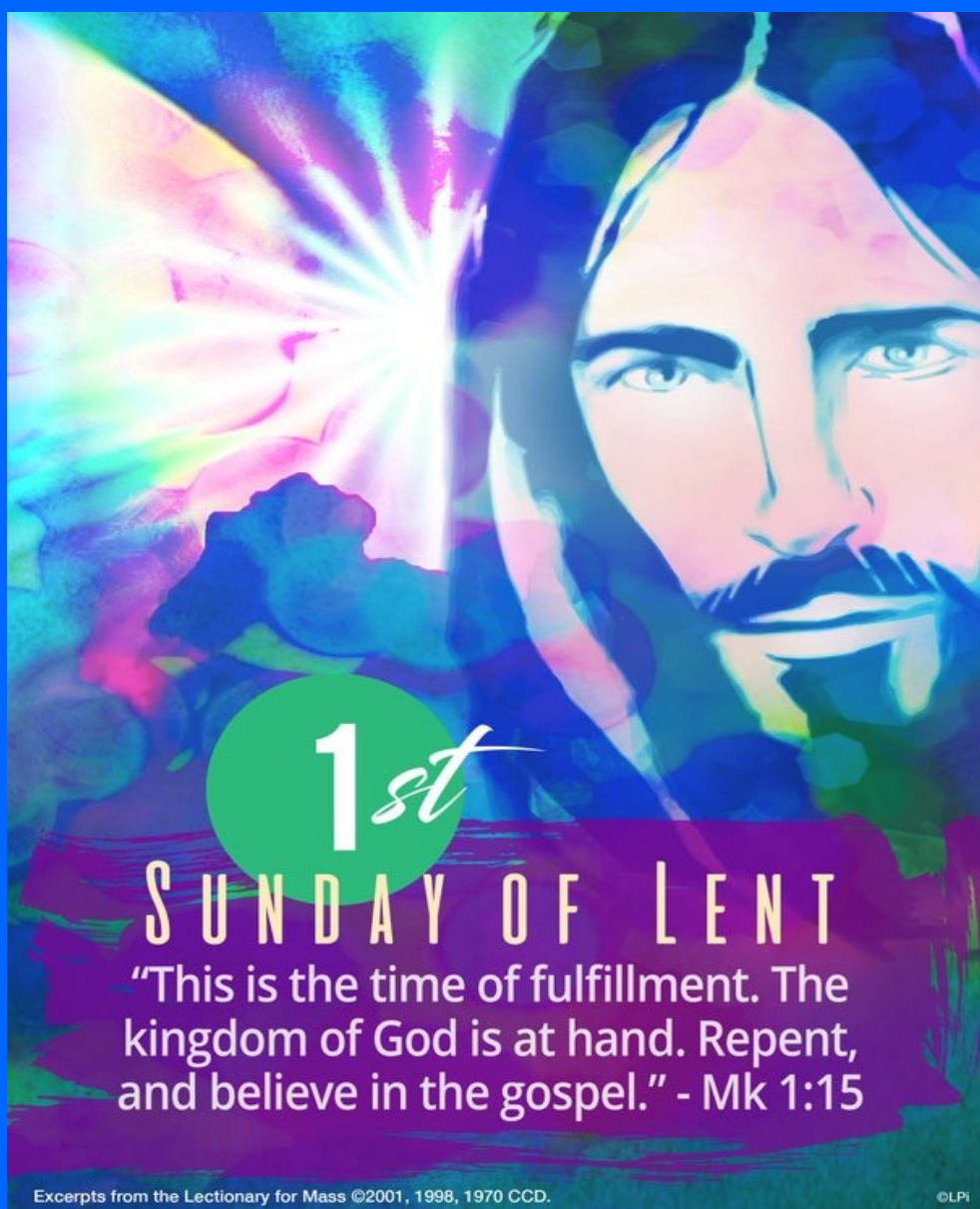


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

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.



1st
SUNDAY OF LENT
"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

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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.

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Visit our website, stpaulsrcc.org for the YouTube link**Parish Staff****Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau**Deacon:** Mark Robbins**Coordinator of Music:** Tom McGary x31**Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep Coordinator:**

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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, February 23****Lenten Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Wednesday, February 24**Lenten Weekday**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, February 25**Lenten Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Saturday, February 27**Lenten Weekday**

2:00-3:00P Individual confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, February 28**Second Sunday of Lent**

10:00A Mass

Financial Snapshot

	January 2021	July 2020-January 2021
Collections	\$42,977	\$304,631
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,979	\$26,787
Expenses	\$52,796	\$329,856
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(6,840)	\$1,562

Expenses include quarterly invoices paid in July, October & January. 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
Jeannette VerSchage
From
Husband, Ron

Seeds for the Journey



The **human history of salvation** is a story of God's love to His people. He **created** human beings in His image and likeness out of love. Unfortunately, the devil's temptation caused humankind to sin and to **fall** from God's grace. God didn't give up on human beings as he promised redemption saying to Satan, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will strike at your head" (Genesis 3:15). The **Incarnation** - birth of Jesus, the offspring of the woman named Mary was to fulfill this promise. Jesus was born to save the humankind through the **Paschal Mystery** - passion, death and resurrection.

Jesus spent time in the desert to prepare for His ministry that culminated with the Paschal Mystery. The church gives us the Lenten season to journey with Christ into the desert and be ready for the upcoming Paschal celebrations. To prepare ourselves, Jesus asks us to repent and focus on the spiritual disciplines of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. These will help us to defeat the devil's temptations as Jesus said, "Only prayer and fasting can force out these kind of demons" (Mk 9:28-29, Mt 17:19-21). We therefore need to spend more time in prayer especially the rosary. Try attending mass on weekend and weekdays, Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays or have a special retreat or a recollection day this Lent. Read a spiritual book or have Lectio Divina on the Scriptures.

Fasting and abstaining helps us to sacrifice and give alms. We can fast and abstain not only from food but also from negative activities or habits. Every time we put off the cellphone and take off an evening from TV and computer screens, we are telling God, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Every time we fast from food or abstain from meat and that dessert, we are emptying ourselves of our desires and letting God to fill us up. These denials give us a chance to give money to the church and help the poor through CRS and Good Sam Outreach. The acts of charity teach us detachment. The more we detach ourselves from material things, the more we discover that we are made for the kingdom of God. May we have a blessed Lent to prepare for the upcoming Paschal celebrations and be ready for **Parousia** - Jesus' second coming to take us to heaven to share in His glory of resurrection.

Fr. Paul

Second Collection



This weekend there is a second collection for the Black, Native American and Hispanic Missions.

The generosity of the good people of God allows the Commission to give helpful grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Catholic communities.

If you wish to support this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Black, Native American & Hispanic" in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.



- Good Sam Outreach is still collecting adult and children's coats, sweaters, hats, mittens, boots, etc. for those in need in our community.

Items may be placed in the large grey tote (outside) to the left of the church's front doors.

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.

Good Sam Outreach Lenten Food Drive



The following items will be collected on February 27/28 for **Back Pack**

- Peanut butter & jelly (plastic jars)
- Canned pasta (ravioli, spaghettios)
- Small cereal boxes, instant oatmeal
- Shelf stable milk
- Tuna
- Granola bars

Please drop your donations off in bags before Mass at the Food Drive corner in the Narthex. If you are not attending in person on the weekend, the Narthex doors are also open Tuesday and Thursdays from 8:00 to 8:30 am (prior to morning Mass) and 9:00 to 9:30 am (after Mass) on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Food Drop off as well.

A reminder each week we will have a new recipient and wish list in the bulletin for the following weekend. This info is also on our web site: next week's requests as well as a flyer with all the Lenten Food Drive info. Check out the Good Sam Outreach Page; it is under the "Social Justice" tab for additional info on all our outreach to help the needy! Thank you!

A Musical Note!



How does Tom select the music in this no-singing time? As always, it begins with the scripture readings for that particular Sunday: Epistle, Gospel, Psalms for the entrance rite, Psalms for the responsorial psalm, Psalms for the offertory, and Psalms for Communion. From these readings I abstract the Themes: (for example) the themes for the second Sunday of Lent are: prefigured glory, heaven, holiness, hope. Then I attempt to find settings of hymns or sacred music that reflect these themes. In searching I always attempt to find setting of hymns or anthems that you know or at least have heard. Finally, I select organ and or piano works from the vast literature of sacred music to fill out the list. This is basically a liturgical undertaking to support the Mass of that particular day and not merely entertainment.



Hunger In Our World

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of His we did for Him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit our website; stpaulsrcc.org for fun Lenten family activities, how to make your own rice bowl and to learn more about Catholic Relief Services.

Prayer to Begin CRS Rice Bowl

God of mercy, You call us to recognize You in our sisters and brothers and to care for those most in need—for whatever You do for the least of these, You do for me.

This Lent, ignite your love in us so that through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving we may support all who experience hunger in body, heart and spirit. May these CRS Rice Bowls be instruments of encounter, bringing us closer to You—our God—and to our neighbors both near and far.

May our Lenten journey help us to see our role in caring for the most vulnerable— particularly those experiencing hunger, poverty and obstacles to thrive. Through these 40 days, may we deepen our faith in You and our love for one another, as we await with joyful anticipation the great celebration of Easter.

Amen!

FOR
LENT
FOR LIFE



This Lent, commit to our global human family through

*Daily prayer

*Weekly fasting

*Almsgiving

Jesus asks us to care for our sisters and brothers and to recognize Him in them.

With CRS Rice Bowl as our guide, we can answer to this Gospel call.

What you give up for Lent changes lives.

Giving Options-Thank You!

Go to our web site
(stpaulsrcc.org)
and click on the
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783 Hard Road
Webster, NY 14580

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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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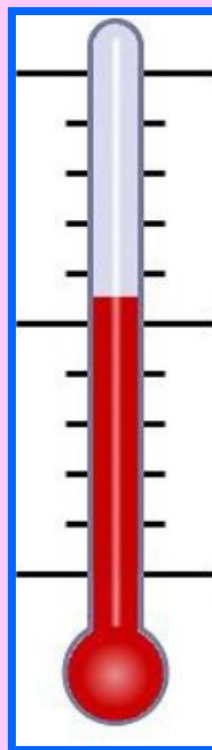
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1150 Buffalo Road—Rochester, NY 14624

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