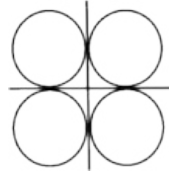


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

February 23, 2025 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



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, February 24

Weekday
8:30A Mass

Tuesday, February 25

Weekday
8:30A Mass with anointing
11:00A Staff mtg.
12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, February 26

Weekday
No Mass
No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00A Funeral Mass
7:00P Choir rehearsal

Thursday, February 27

Weekday
8:30A Mass
11:00A Together in Grief

Friday, February 28

Weekday
No Mass

Saturday, March 1

Weekday
10:00A Prayer Shawl mtg.
2:00P Confession
4:00P Mass-Birthday Blessing

Sunday, March 2

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Birthday Blessing during Masses
9:00A Mass
10:00A SOR classes
10:00A Coffee & donut hr.
10:00A Confirmation Prep class yr. 2
10:00A Confirmation Prep yr. 1 assist with coffee & donut hr.
11:00A Mass
12:00P Coffee & donut hr.



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Diocese of Rochester: www.dor.org



Financial Snapshot

| | January 2025 | July 2024-January 2025 |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Collections | \$40,510 | \$291,628 |
| Donations/ other revenue | \$2,867 | \$24,156 |
| Expenses | \$57,395 | \$312,653 |
| Operating surplus/deficit | \$(14,018) | \$3,131 |

**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
Matthew Conrad
From
Tom & Pat Conrad*

Seeds for the Journey

THANK YOU for being such a pain! Well, these are not my words. It is part of the title of a book: *Spiritual Guidance for Dealing with difficult People* by Mark Rosen, PHD. According to Rosen there is no escaping difficult people in our lives. Friends and family, enemies and strangers, co-workers and neighbors, can become difficult and drive us crazy. G.K. Chesterton said, "The Bible tells us to love our neighbors and also our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people."

In today's First Reading, David spared the life of his enemy Saul. This incident illustrates Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel. Jesus says that we should treat our enemies well. To bless and pray for them; to love and do good to those who hate us. Rather than judging and condemning those who hurt us to forgive them. Jesus wants us to forgive them because we also depend on God's mercy and forgiveness.

Jesus' Golden Rule: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" encourage us to get generous with others. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to forgive the debt of our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. God is generous with His mercy and forgiveness to us. We should do the same even to the difficult people. Difficult people do unto us as we have done unto others. Rosen says that everyone is difficult to someone. Even you! Even me! "If you are honest with yourself, you have to admit that at one time of another you've done something to drive someone crazy...when we do something to annoy someone else, we're not being difficult; we see it as justified. "I had a bad day we assert." "I didn't mean it," we plead. "I didn't do anything," we maintain. "You deserve it," we insist. "You made me do it," we rationalize" (page 19-20).

Rosen suggests options for dealing with difficult people:

1. Ignore the whole thing-avoid dealing with it.
2. Make nice-put harmony above everything else.
3. Leave-tell the person to get lost and never darken your door again.
4. Get even, revenge-give them a dose of their own medicine.
5. Talking things over-negotiate some kind of solution.
6. Make some inner changes-what if you could give spiritual meaning to your struggles?

Rosen's ideas on relating to difficult people as a spiritual practice:

- * Relationship and spiritual growth: Developing a relationship with God through prayer, Bible study, meditation and worship connected with daily routine of conscious intention to improve one's behavior towards others.
- * Self-knowledge and self-improvement: By paying attention to our experiences with difficult people, we learn things about ourselves that wouldn't otherwise come to our awareness.
- * Avoiding judgement: For no one is perfect.
- * Accepting the situation: Have tolerance, patience, and love.
- * Seeing the good in others: Applying the Golden Rule would suggest that since we don't wish to have our weakness emphasized, we shouldn't emphasize those of others.
- * Speaking with sensitivity: Avoiding disparaging people can help mend the difficulties with another person.
- * Mastering anger: "If you control anger and show opposite attitudes – compassion, tolerance, and patience – then not only do you yourself remain in peace, but the other's anger will gradually diminish." The Dalai Lama.
- * Responding with kindness: It calms another's anger and it is the most healing form of speech.
- * Forgiveness: Allows you to shed your toxic feelings and free yourself of resentments. By forgiving others we also make it easier to be forgive ourselves for the harmful things we have done.

Rosen concluded, finally with a smile on your face and humor in your heart, say to your adversary with all sincerity, "**THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A PAIN.**" (page 256).

Fr. Paul



Ash Wednesday Masses Wednesday, March 5

8:30 a.m.
Noon
6:30 p.m.

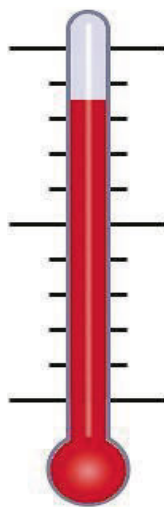
Fasting & Abstinence:

Catholics from age 18-59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent. Have one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals. Abstinence means Catholics of age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays during Lent.



Totals as of:
2/18/25

Goal
\$100,000



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\$85,310

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of our goal

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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

*To you our God,
eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen!*

YOU'RE INVITED TO
Coffee & Donuts
Sunday, March 2
After the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Happy Birthday to You!

Fr. Paul will give a special blessing during Masses next weekend, March 1 & 2 as we celebrate March birthdays.

St. Paul's Question of the Week



Question: How do we as Catholics explain the invocation of the saints since the Bible teaches in 1 Timothy 2:5, that Jesus is the only Mediator?

Response: We pray for one another as Christians, thus acting – in a sense – as mediators. The saints who have died are included in this process, since they are more alive than we are, as is evident in their activities in the book of Revelation/Apocalypse. God is Creator, but God gives us the privilege of procreation, in childbirth and parenthood. Jesus is the 'chief' shepherd of his flock (Jn 10:11-16; 1 Pt 5:4), yet he assigns lesser shepherds to watch over his own (Jn 21:15-17; Eph 4:11). Several biblical passages indicate a sort of mediatorship among believers 91 Cor. 9:22; Eph 3:2) and our working together with God (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1).

None of this is contrary to Jesus being the sole Mediator of our salvation in the ultimate sense, because it is all through Him, and entirely enabled by him, and is the application of his grace to us. The saints in heaven were never intended by God to be cut off from the Body of Christ on the earth.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus' message today is one of radical generosity and abundant mercy, and it scandalized the people of his time. It shook them to their core. It should do the same for us. Are we ready to live as Jesus lived? Are we ready to offer love in the face of hate?

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Read More. Grow Spiritually



Girzone, Joseph F. The Shepherd

In 1995, Joseph Girzone established the Joshua Foundation, an organization dedicated to making Jesus better known throughout the world. The Shepherd, a novel, continues the parable of Joshua, a gentle and solitary carpenter who has an extraordinary effect on everyone he meets. The shepherd of the title is David Campbell, a newly consecrated bishop, considered a man of tradition, not a man of reform. Within 24 hours of his consecration, he has his first encounter with Joshua, the man who will become his mentor. With Joshua by his side, Bishop Campbell will propose the most far-reaching reforms in a millennium, reforms which will return Christianity to its founder's simple message. Preaching to Catholics, Protestants, Muslims, and Jews, Bishop Campbell describes the universal truth of God's love without boundaries, a message which changes everyone it touches. (Call No. FIC-GIR).

Essay Contest



Students in School of Religion and in the Confirmation, Program are invited to participate in the Christ in Alive Essay Contest. Those not attending School of Religion or attending Catholic School can also participate. All Essays are due to Anselm by March 23. Winners will receive \$100 and your choice of a Bible from comcenter.com. Essays can be typed or handwritten.

ESSAY TOPIC:

Describe a moment in the last year when you felt close to God. For example, it could have been when you were praying, on a retreat, or at Mass. Or it could have been in an answer to one of your prayers, or in the mercy or kindness of someone you know. God is at work in the world all the time. He is close to his people in their daily lives, in all their joys and sorrows. He comforts us, heals us and helps us. That's the good news: God is with us! For this essay, think of a time when you felt God was with you and write about it.

Ministry Schedule for March 1 & 2, 2025

If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

| | 4:00 PM | 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Acolytes | TBD TBD | TBD TBD | TBD TBD |
| Cantors | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| EMHC | Ellen Oinen Don Oinen | DA Hutnick Josephine Cozzo | Sandra Happ Fred Compertore |
| Greeters | Ellen Oinen Don Oinen | Lucille Frisicano Jeanne Leo | Anne Hauber Ellen Santora |
| Lectors | David Swinson | Ethan Navarette | Melanie Mancuso |
| Linens | No linen pick up this week | | |
| Sacristans | Christine Grant | Pat Rotundo Mary Fitch | Sandra Happ |
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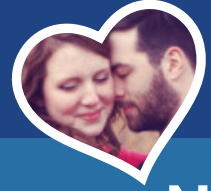
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