# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH





783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

#### February 28, 2021 Second 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.



#### **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

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday, March 2 Lenten Weekday 8:30A Mass

### Wednesday, March 3 Lenten Weekday

8:30A Mass 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, March 4 Lenten Weekday 8:30A Mass

Saturday, March 6 Lenten Weekday 2:00-3:00P Individual confession 4:00P Mass

Sunday, March 7 Third Sunday of Lent 10:00A Mass

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Facility Cleaning Coordinator: Helen Stirpe
Maintenance Coordinator: Ben O'Brien
Administrative Asst.: Jodie Hickey x21
Finance Council Chair: Tom Napoli

Parish Council Chair: Scott Rutan
Parish Trustees: Deb Urtz-Gleason & Dave Galeazzo

Multi Parish Finance Director: Joan Sullivan: 671-1100 x21 joan.sullivan@dor.org

#### **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

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 Josh Bartlett
Zach Bartlett Sean Black
Bryan Gross Andrew O'Brien
Tom Weisenreder Cydney Blong
Mason Serrano Michael J. Desiato
Andrew Zani Daniel Thomas

Jay Riesenberger

This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Bud Straube
From
Thomas Jefferson
University Hospital Case
Management Dept.

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#### BETTER MEALS IN MADAGASCAR

In Madagascar, families gather to watch puppet shows that entertain and teach. They love seeing the brightly colored puppets talk to each other, tell stories and ask the crowd questions. After each show, parents leave with new information to help their families.

Half of all children in Madagascar are undernourished, meaning they don't have enough nutritious food to stay healthy. Parents want their children to grow up healthy and strong, and the puppet shows give them new knowledge they can use right away to make sure that happens. Community health workers trained by CRS use the puppets to teach families about how doctor visits, hand washing and rainbow foods—different colored foods like tomatoes and carrots that have important vitamins and nutrients—are necessary to stay healthy.



Frankline and Labaladezy have eight children. Their youngest child, Thorin, is almost a year old. While Frankline was pregnant with Thorin, she and her husband Labaladezy watched the puppet shows and learned new ways to support Thorin's growth and development. When Thorin was born, his parents fed him different, more nutritious foods and took him to the health center for regular check-ups. Thorin is growing a lot and is reaching all his developmental milestones.

Frankline is happy her youngest son is doing so well, and she sees the positive effects of their new rainbow diet on the rest of the family. She says, "I dream that my children will stay healthy. I hope that Thorin may become a doctor or a leader in our community." Every parent wants their children to reach their full potential, and CRS is helping make sure they can do just that.





#### St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council

Scott Rutan - Chair
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St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council encourages you to share your questions and ideas with them. Contact Jodie at 671-2100 or via email, Jodie.hickey@dor.org and she will relay your questions and ideas to the Council.

#### Good Sam Outreach Lenten Food Drive



## The following items will be collected on March 6/7 for Williamson Come-Unity

- Canned carrots & mixed vegetables
- Canned pineapple
- Cereal
- Canned beans (pork & beans, kidney beans & black beans)
- Pasta

Please drop your donations off in bags before Mass at the Food Drive area 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. 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!



#### **Mask & Social Distancing Reminder**

This has been a tough year but hopefully things will improve soon. We are glad that the COVID-19 vaccine has been approved and is slowly becoming available to more and more people.

Just a reminder that St Paul's follows CDC and Monroe County Health Department guidelines which state that everyone should wear a mask, sanitize and maintain social distancing, even after receiving both doses of the vaccine. While experts learn more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions, it will be important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic and keep everyone safe.



#### A Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will.

Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer.

Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.

Amen

#### **SUNDAY'S READINGS**

#### **FIRST READING:**

God put Abraham to the test. (Gn 22:1)

#### **PSALM:**

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

#### SECOND READING:

If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom 8:31)

#### **GOSPEL:**

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

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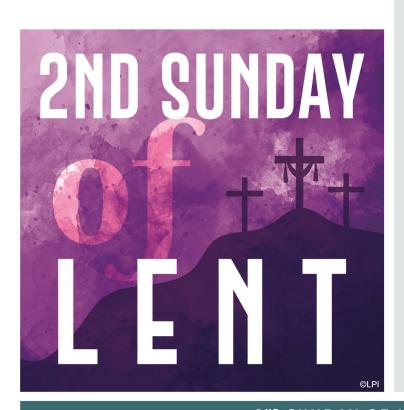
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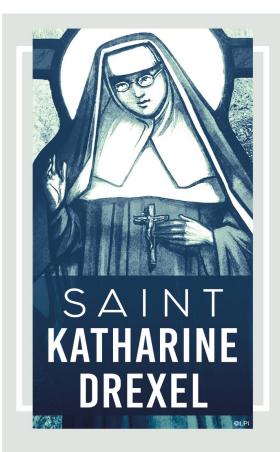
Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Thursday: St. Casimir

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent





#### REFLECT

#### **FIRST READING**

God's request of Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac seems cruel from our modern perspective. Yet Abraham's obedience rendered divine blessings. Do you think you have such depth of faith?

#### **SECOND READING**

Paul tries to reassure the Christians in Rome of God's divine providence in our lives. As we continue the Lenten journey, can you recall when have you felt God's protection and comfort?

#### **GOSPEL READING**

We hear Mark's account of the apostles' witness of the transfiguration of Jesus. How difficult do you think it was for them not to share this event with anyone until after Jesus rose from the dead?

#### **Giving Options-Thank You!**

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, victimsassistance@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

## CMA 2020-2021 "Christ Our Light"



\$109,477 Goal

\$62,089 Pledged 56% of our goal

If you haven't yet made your CMA pledge, we need you! We will receive a discount if we increase our participation rate so each gift is a great help!

If you didn't receive your CMA materials and envelope call the office and we can send you one. Or visit the DOR CMA website to make a gift online:

www.DOR.org/CMA
Thank you to the 275 families who have already given, we are very grateful for your support!