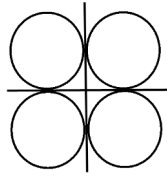


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**February 7, 2021 Fifth 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.

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

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He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**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**

**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau  
**Deacon:** Mark Robbins  
**Coordinator of Music:** Tom McGary x31  
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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

**UPCOMING EVENTS****Tuesday, February 9****Weekday**

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, February 10****St. Scholastica, Virgin**

8:30 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday, February 11****Weekday**

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, February 13****Weekday**

**Public Policy Weekend**  
2:00-3:00 p.m. Individual confession  
4:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, February 14****Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Valentine's Day**  
**Public Policy Weekend**  
10:00 a.m. Mass

**Financial Snapshot**

	December 2020	July 2020-December 2020
Collections	\$78,457	\$255,327
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,622	\$23,767
Expenses	\$43,681	\$276,418
Operating surplus/deficit	\$38,398	\$2,676

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  
Bud Straube  
From  
The Hurzy family

## *Seeds for the Journey*

### **That Communion Procession – what do WE do with it?**

During this long period of non-singing services we have an opportunity to think about what and why we sing during the Mass. Probably the most contentious is the time during the reception of our Lord, Communion time. All of the documents published by the Church “demand” (or more politely “request”) that sung music should take place during Communion. It is stated that this should cover the time of the “Communion procession” as an expression of unity, joy and community. I am not sure that most people share this view. This is a tough one. Probably a majority of people view this as a private time between them and God whom they have just received in Communion. Thus, they do not want to sing for a brief period as they feel like they are in an intimate relationship with God. Singing of hymns during this time has been an abysmal failure. Besides an individual cannot carry a hymnal with them with them as they walk up to Communion. Some parishes use other music at the beginning of Communion (usually instrumental, vocal or choral). Then a hymn follows, when enough of the congregation has returned to their seats to sing. This has the disadvantage of not really being *processional* music, as the rite envisions. As the Church feels strongly about singing DURING Communion it is possible to use a short antiphon with the cantor or choir singing the verses. We have tried this some here at St. Paul and it didn’t go over any more than the singing of a hymn. This of course is similar to how the responsorial psalm is sung. The Church has assigned a different psalm for each Sunday and Feast Day to be sung (or recited) during Communion. Another option is that you have instrumental music during the reception followed by an eucharistic hymn. Or, if it is a Mass in which a choir participates an anthem could be sung followed by a hymn.

Having instrumental music at the beginning of Communion, followed by a choir motet seems musically and practically perfect! **HOWEVER**, doing so on a regular basis deprives the congregation of expressing that “unity” of which the Church documents speak. Personally, I do think this is one of the best options (again, from a **musical perspective**). I really wish the Sacramentary didn't ask the people to sing here at all, but it does.

One more awkward solution is of course to have “other” music during Communion and what follows this, in my opinion, is the awkward solution of inserting more music in the form of a hymn that accompanies nothing? The rubrics never prescribe hymn that accompany nothing and is sung for its own sake.

If I had to sneak in an opinion I would recommend the Communion Psalm with refrain. But I am not you. Please go over in your own minds what might satisfy both the rubrics and your own needs and preferences.

2021 is my sixty-sixth year of “church work” beginning in 1956. Places: Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Province of Ontario, New York. As they say in Kentucky “Have a Nice Day!”

*Tom*



## Invitation to Study the Gospel of John

I'm looking for some folks who would like to study the Gospel of John with me. This would be via a Zoom format once a week, beginning in Lent and continuing through the Easter Season.

As you know, we journey through the three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) during our Sunday readings over a three-year period, while readings from the Gospel of John are reserved for solemnities, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. We are currently in the B Cycle of readings, which pulls from the Gospel of Mark—and, conveniently for this study, John, Chapter 6. So, this year we will get John's perspective on the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, Jesus walking on water, and the Bread of Life Discourse.

Additionally, some of our most beloved Biblical passages are found *only* in the Gospel of John—the marriage at Cana; Jesus' encounters with Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, and the woman being stoned for adultery; the raising of Lazarus; and Jesus' Farewell Discourses.

I can't think of a better time to meditate on the Jesus of John's Gospel than during the deeper liturgical experiences of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Although I will facilitate our meetings, I'm really thinking of this as a group of disciples gathered together "in His name" to study the person and teachings of Jesus. Please know that you do not need to have any particular background or experience with Sacred Scripture. Other than reading the chapters to be discussed, there would not be any homework involved. If you would like to join me, or if you would just like a little more information, please contact me at [susan.ward@dor.org](mailto:susan.ward@dor.org) or 671-2110.

Looking forward to studying with you...  
Sue Ward

## Bethany House Wish List for February

- ◆ Dish & Laundry detergent
- ◆ Aluminum foil
- ◆ Garbage bags
- ◆ Gallon freezer bags
- ◆ Cleaning products

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 to all who generously donated through our Good Sam Outreach Giving Tree. A total of \$1,820 was raised as fuel money to assist needy parishioners of Our Lady of the Americas with their heating bills. Also we received the note below regarding all the wonderful gifts:

### Dear Parishioners at St. Paul's,

We were so worried this year, that because of the Covid epidemic we would have nothing to give to our poor families for Christmas. It seemed inconceivable that so many people would have nothing with which to celebrate Christ's birthday.

Were we wrong! How wonderful you were! So many gifts and so much food. So many happy families 97 (144 adults and 295 children)! Since Christmas we have helped approximately 25 more families. What a blessing you all are! How proud of you God must be that you honored His birth with love not only of Him but also of His needy children!

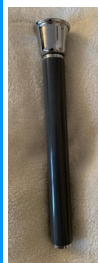
May He bless you in return with the warmth of His love and keep you safe and well,

**Natalia Medeso & Sr. Julia Norton**

## Ash Wednesday Masses Wednesday, February 17th

### Masses at 8:30 a.m. & Noon

#### Distribution of Ashes



Due to COVID-19, the distribution of ashes will change this year. The sprinkling of dry ashes with an Aspergillum are imposed by making a sign of the cross above the crown of the head as ashes fall upon the hair. This is in accord with the ancient practice of the Church, and remains the practice at the Vatican.

#### Fasting & Abstinence:

Catholics from age 18-59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Friday's 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.

## Public Policy Advocacy Weekend February 13/14

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit everyone hard. In particular, the pandemic has focused a spotlight on two vulnerable groups in New York State: farmers and our neighbors who are food insecure – many are newly hungry due to job losses caused by the pandemic. The Diocesan Public Policy Committee invites us to join in **helping both** on Diocesan Public Policy Advocacy Weekend (February 13/14) by calling on state leaders to allocate \$50 million to continue the NOURISH NEW YORK initiative during state fiscal year 2021-2022.

**NOURISH NEW YORK** is a New York State initiative that provides funding to Food Banks to purchase New York State-produced farm products. This accomplishes two goals: it offers market support to farmers, the fishing community, and food processors who have been impacted by the economic effects of the pandemic, while getting high-quality food to individuals and families across the state through the regional Food Banks to local parish and community food pantries. The initiative provided \$35 million in funding from May 1 to December 31, 2020. 4,152 farms have provided over 17 million pounds of high-quality New York-produced food to New Yorkers in need.

Please join in speaking up for the vulnerable today. Consider cutting out this message, signing it and mailing it to Governor Andrew Cuomo via the address listed below. There is also more information along with the electronic petition on our website at [stpaulsrcc.org](http://stpaulsrcc.org) under the Social Justice tab.

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Honorable Andrew Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
Executive Chamber – State Capitol Building  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

**NOURISH NEW YORK** initiative has been an effective and creative response to the impact of the pandemic on New Yorkers, providing a lifeline for food-insecure families (many newly-insecure because of job losses due to COVID-19) and for struggling farmers, the fishing community and food processors across the state.

**We call on state leaders to allocate \$50 million for fiscal year 2021-2022 to make *NOURISH NEW YORK* an ongoing program to respond to the need for hunger relief and survival of farms, fisheries, food processors in New York State.**

Respectfully yours,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)

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(address/zip)

## Giving Options-Thank You!

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

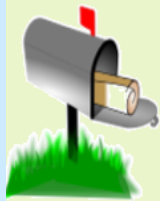
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Mail your check:  
**St. Paul Church**  
**783 Hard Road**  
**Webster, NY 14580**

### 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](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org)

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Any concerns related to financial fraud can be reported  
anonymously:

**Financial Fraud Hotline**

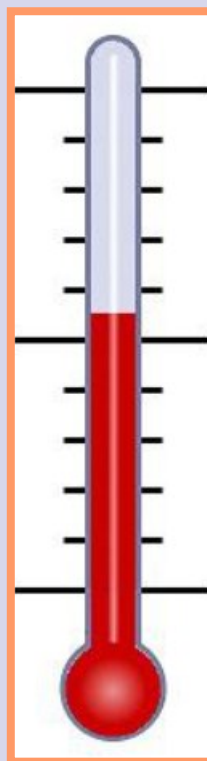
**1-800-388-7177 x1266**

Reports may also be made in writing to:

Internal Audit Department—Diocese of Rochester

1150 Buffalo Road—Rochester, NY 14624

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*"Christ Our Light"*



**\$109,477 Goal**

**\$61,309 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](http://www.DOR.org/CMA)

Thank you to the 270 families who have already given, we are very grateful for your support!