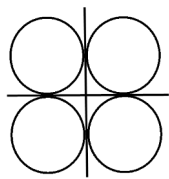


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

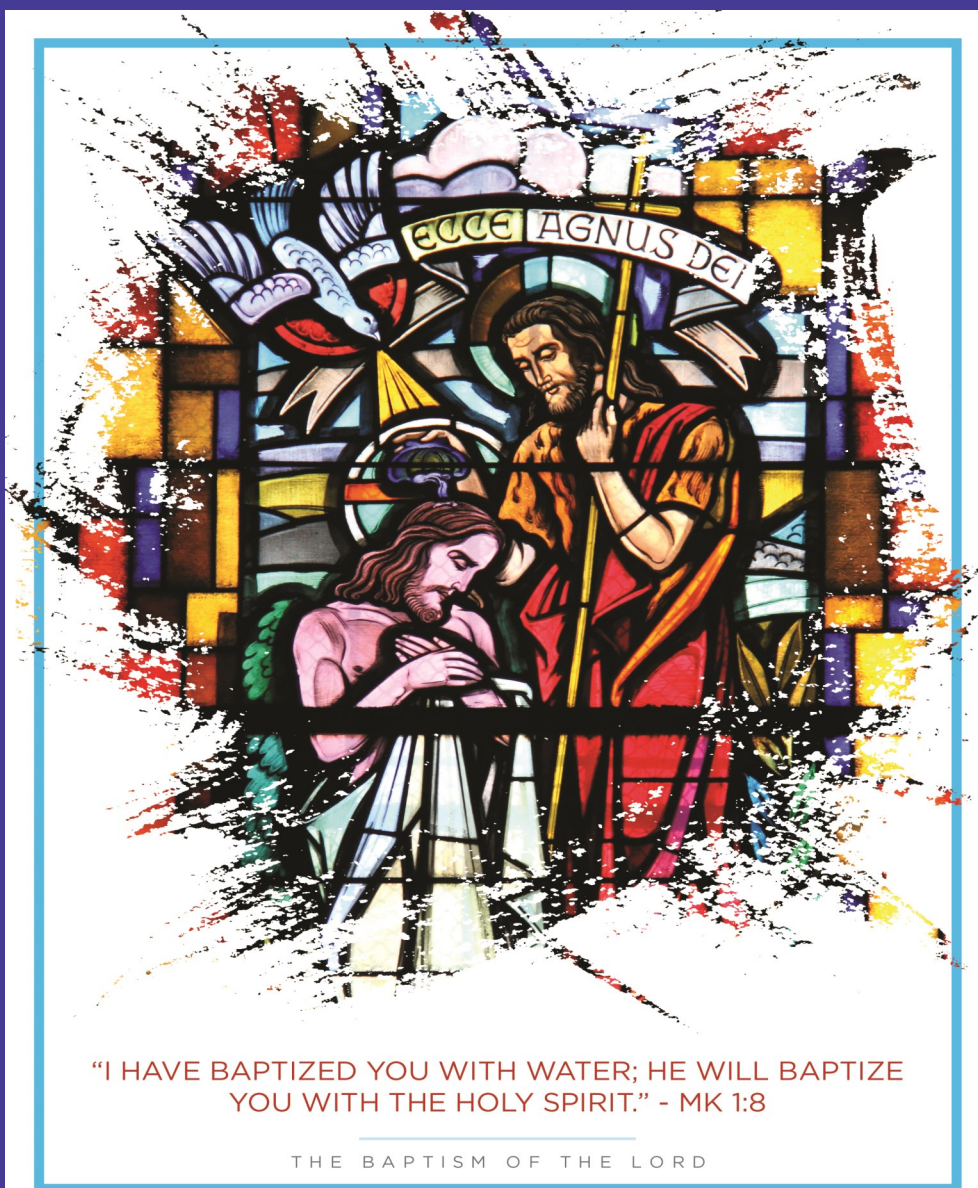


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

January 10, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord

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.



"I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER; HE WILL BAPTIZE
YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." - MK 1:8

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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

Pastor: Fr. Paul Gitau

Deacon: Mark Robbins

Coordinator of Music: Tom McGary x31

Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep Coordinator:

Business Manager: Robin Martz x30

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

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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, January 12****Weekday**

8:30 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Zoom Staff Mtg.

Wednesday, January 13**Weekday**

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

Thursday, January 14**Weekday**

8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, January 16**Weekday**

2:00-3:00 p.m. Individual confession
4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 17**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 a.m. Mass

Financial Snapshot

	November 2020	July 2020-November 2020
Collections	\$35,473	\$176,870
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,838	\$20,144
Expenses	\$25,648	\$231,073
Operating surplus/deficit	\$13,663	\$(34,059)

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
Betty Keller
From
Sue Dettman

Seeds for the Journey

A Gift of our Diocese: Sharing our Resources

Our Patron St. Paul wrote to the people in Corinth, about the Body of Christ, the Church (Cor:12:12-27): "The body is one and has many members, but all the members, many though are, are one body; and so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,... If (one) part suffers, all the parts suffer with it: if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. You then are the body of Christ. **Every one** is a member of it." This is at the heart of the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA).

Our St. Paul parish by itself could not fund the ministries that our parish staff and parishioners benefits from such as the IT department helps us with computer programs as well who that visit the sick, give Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick to parishioners who are at area hospitals; the programs for young people, including campus ministry at colleges, (such as M.C.C., Geneseo, the University of Rochester, and R.I.T.); the resources for couples preparing for marriage, such as Pre-Cana; the work of Catholic Charities which not only helps the poor and those in need in our Diocese but oversees such programs as Operation Rice Bowl, hurricane relief, and raising awareness around issues of justice and Respect Life; the vocation office which has helped facilitate new candidates who wish to study for the priesthood for the service of our Diocese of Rochester; the Bishop's Office which includes Bishop Matano (and his predecessors) assigning priests and deacons to provide pastoral care for the people of our St. Paul parish for many years. The Bishop has also been available for Confirmation, the Rite of Election, the "Hands of Christ" Recognition and the annual Marriage Anniversary Celebrations.

We as a parish do not exist without the Diocese. All the people in our parish area who have been comforted at our funerals, strengthened when sick in the hospital, nursing homes, hospice or at home, encouraged when receiving baptism or the sacrament of marriage, or helped in so many other ways, have been ministered to by the extension of Bishop and our Diocese. No matter where we are located, we are part of the Body of Christ, which St. Paul writes about, in the above passage. So, we can never talk about the "diocese" as "out there" some place. **We are the Diocese of Rochester.**

We are all connected parts. St. Paul knew, what hopefully we too realize today, that it is only by pooling our resources and together helping one another out, that we can accomplish so much collectively, what we can't do as a single individual or a standalone parish; because **we are "Christ our Light."** One way we can reflect and live out this reality is by contributing generously to this year's CMA. Every gift is needed and important. Thank you for your continued support to our Diocese and St. Paul's parish.

Fr. Paul

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We are looking for one or two volunteers to help with our online YouTube streaming.

Everything is set up but the broadcast must be managed during mass so that the readings and prayers are showing at the correct time. It is not difficult but involves computer work throughout the service requiring anticipation and attention to detail.

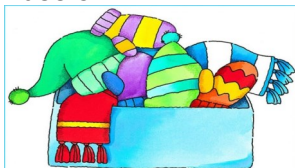
Tom Napoli, who set up the broadcast, is currently "manning the booth" for Sundays at 10:00 AM, and we are grateful but realize he cannot do it every time so we need at least one other volunteer. We also would like to be able to offer streaming of the 4:00 PM mass.

This mission is so important for those who cannot attend during the pandemic. If you are able to attend and willing to help please contact Robin in the office and she will get you in touch with Tom.

Give the Gift of Warmth Through St. Paul's Winter Clothing Appeal

*Let all that is yours be immersed in charity.
1 Corinthians 16:14*

Our area hosts punishing winter weather made even more brutal for those who live outdoors and in damp, drafty rooms, and apartments. Consider embracing the poorest and most vulnerable of our community by gifting your new or gently used, jackets, coats, socks, boots, scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, and blankets. There is a continuing need throughout the winter and members of Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver your donations. Please place your donations in the gray chest outside on the left of the Narthex doors.



Bethany House Wish List for January

- ◆ Enfamil with iron -- powder
- ◆ diapers (size 5 and 6)
- ◆ diaper wipes
- ◆ cleaning products
- ◆ hat/gloves for adults

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!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



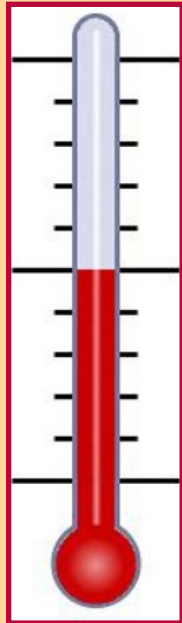
Good Sam Outreach together with Fr. Paul and staff would like to thank you for the incredible response to our Giving Tree this year. The generosity of our parishioners is a testament to the fact that we may be in isolation but the spirit of St. Paul's lives on.

God bless you all!



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CMA 2020-2021 *"Christ Our Light"*



\$109,477 Goal

**\$56,344 Pledged
51% 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 251 families who have already given, we are very grateful for your support!



Giving Options—Thank You!

Go to our website (stpaulsrcc.org) and click on the DONATE link.

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



Try the

GIVEPLUST⁺ 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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked man his thoughts;
Let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving (Is 55:6-7)

PSALM:

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of
salvation. (Is 12:3)

SECOND READING:

This is the one who came through water and blood,
Jesus Christ,
not by water alone, but by water and blood. (1 Jn 5:6)

GOSPEL:

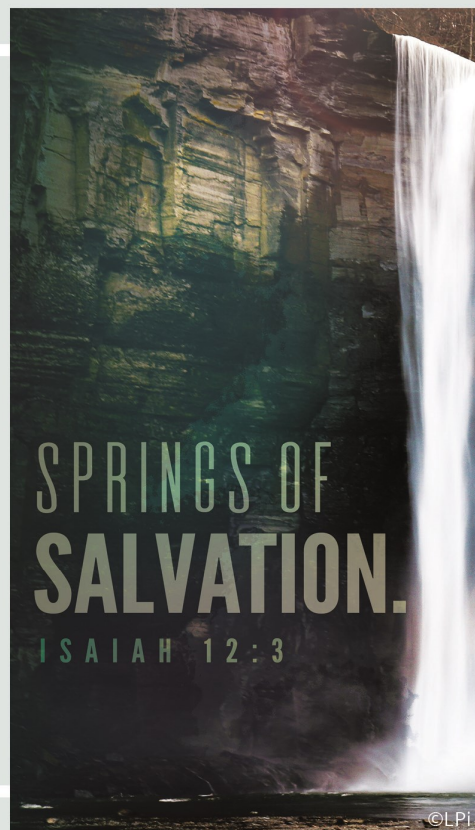
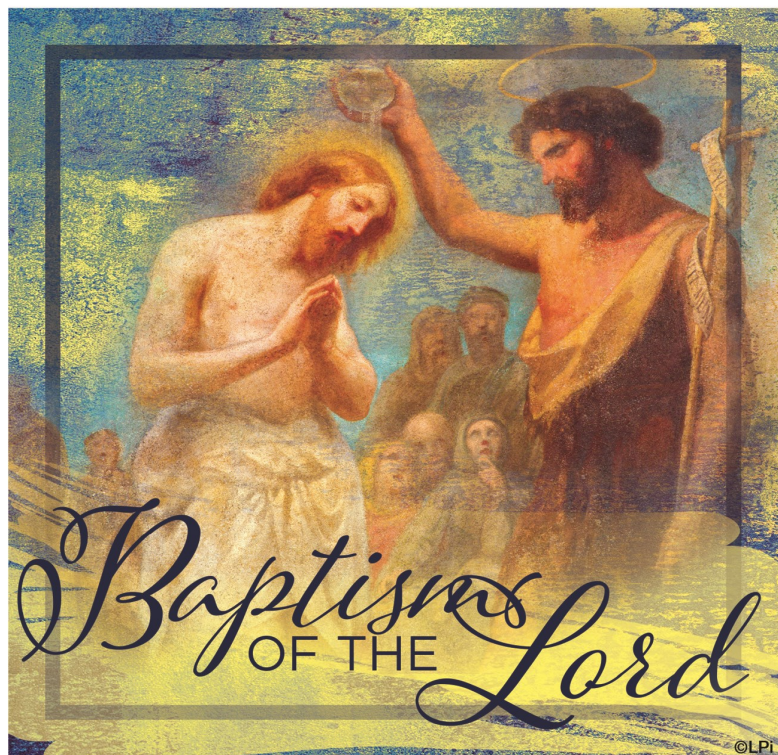
And a voice came from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
(Mk 1:11)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Wednesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a "light for the nations." How do you see yourself serving others in need in your life?

SECOND READING

John teaches his community that God Himself has "testified on behalf of His Son." In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

GOSPEL READING

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?