

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

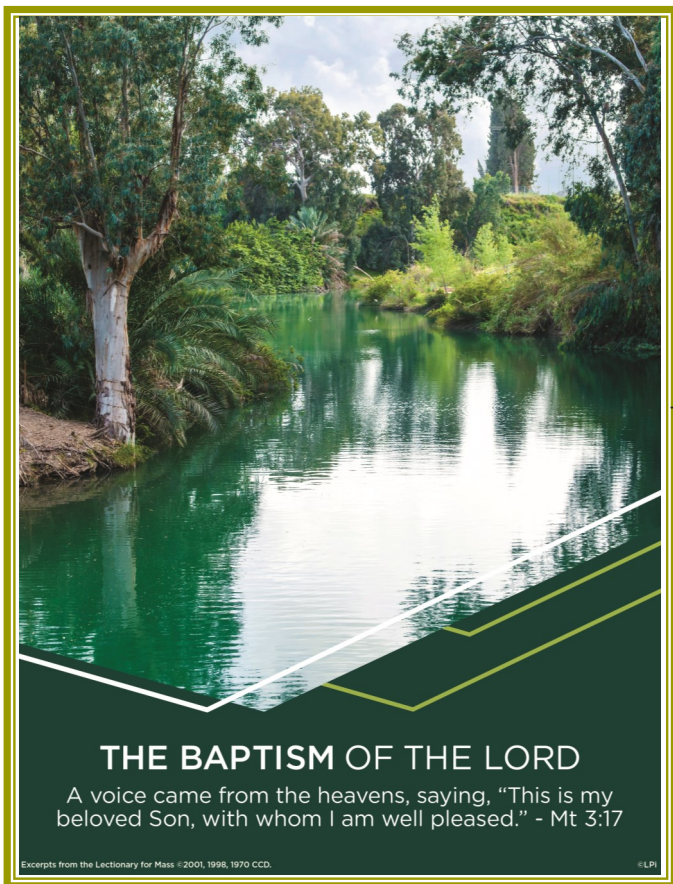


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

January 12, 2020 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.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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JANUARY 12TH BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

JANUARY 19TH SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

CMA Update As of January 7, 2020

Your CMA gift supports ministries that affect every Catholic in our Diocese. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's in this year's campaign.



61.95%
of our goal

Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Friday-Communion Service 8:30 a.m.

Individual Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Upcoming Events



Saturday, January 11

Christmas Weekday

3:00P Individual Confession
4:00P Mass

Sunday, January 12

Baptism of the Lord

9:00A Mass-CLOW
Coffee & donuts
10:00A SOAR
11:00A Mass-CLOW
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12:00P Confirmation Prep
Epiphany Service Celebration
Years 1 & 2
6:00P Youth Group

Monday, January 13

Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
4:30P SOAR
7:00P Finance Council Mtg.

Tuesday, January 14

Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
1:15P Faith Sharing Group

Wednesday, January 15

Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 16

Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
7:00P First Penance

Friday, January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Communion Service

Saturday, January 18

Weekday

9:30A Prayer Shawl
3:00P Individual Confession
4:00P Mass

Parish Staff

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| Pastor: Fr. Paul Gitau x29 | fr.paul.gitau@dor.org |
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| Parish Trustees: Deb Urtz-Gleason & Dave Galeazzo | |
| Multi Parish Finance Director: Joan Sullivan: 671-1100 x21 | joan.sullivan@dor.org |

Office Hours

8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday (closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)
Phone: 671- 2100
Fax Number: 787-8907
Emergency Number: 369-9687
Website: www.stpaulsrcc.org
Diocese of Rochester: www.dor.org

We warmly welcome all new parishioners and visitors to St. Paul's. To register please fill out a "request for registration" form available at all church entrances. Return it to the donations slot at the back of the church or to the parish office. A member of our pastoral staff will contact you to complete your registration.



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

| | <i>December-2019</i> | * | <i>July 2019- December 2019</i> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Weekly Collections | \$75,012 | | \$284,055 |
| Donations / Other Revenue | \$7,027 | | \$31,751 |
| Expenses | \$(50,357) | | \$(312,662) |
| Operating surplus (deficit) | <u>\$31,682</u> | | <u>\$3,144</u> |
| <i>Average Weekly Mass Attendance</i> | 490 | | 481 |

*December collections include Christmas collections of \$15,656
 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

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| Jason Aman | Josh Bartlett |
| Zach Bartlett | Sean Black |
| Bryan Gross | Shawn Reidy |
| Tom Weisenreder | Andrew O'Brien |
| Mason Serrano | Cydney Blong |
| Andrew Zani | Michael J. Desiato |
| Jay Riesenberger | Daniel Thomas |



This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for
 Betty Keller
 From
 Daughter, Sue

Seeds for the Journey



This weekend marks the end of the Christmas Season and we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. By accepting our own Baptism, we embrace what Jesus taught and accomplished for us. Unfortunately, I often forget Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6:34, "Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself." I guess sometimes I live in the future as opposed to the present-here and now. Focusing on the future and not on the task at hand can minimize the concentration and cause anxieties, worries and stress. The intense concentration while working on a program is what psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi calls flow. Dr. Kelli Harding says, "This playful state of mental absorption in a task is associated with reduced stress, increased happiness, health promotion, and longevity. Finding flow brings joy and positive experience to whatever task you do" *The Rabbit Effect* page 59.

Dr. Harding points out that the joy of flow might relate to what former Harvard Professor and Spiritual teacher, Ram Dass posed in the 1970's: "Be here now." Dr. Harding continues to say, "Meanwhile studies show that we are not mentally present in what we are physically doing nearly half the time. Our minds love to visit the past, dream of the future, and think about what is for dinner, yet studies show that we are happiest when we are living in the moment" (page 59). The fact is that we all have something that distracts or bothers us.

Matthew Kelly in his book *Perfectly Yourself* on page 12 says: "Some people struggle to keep to their budget. Other people struggle with their weight. Some struggle with a relationship. For other people shopping and credit card debt is a problem. Some struggle with more destructive addictions. We all have something we struggle with..." My thing is living in the future and hence my New Year's resolution and prayer is "Lord, please help me to be here now." A few years ago Sr. Kathleen, SSJ was leading us in a retreat day here at St. Paul's on a Saturday. She talked about the importance of living in the moment. She lead us in this prayer that says:

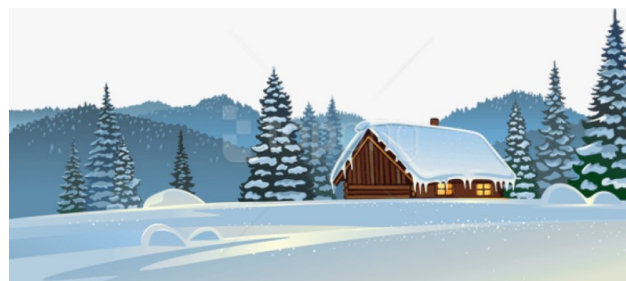
"I was regretting the past and fearing the future. Suddenly my Lord was speaking: "MY NAME IS I AM. He paused: I waited. He continued, when you live in the past with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not I was. When you live in the future, with its problems and fears, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not I will be. When you live in the moment, it's not hard. I am here. MY NAME IS I AM."

Father Paul

Public Policy Weekend February 8 & 9

Catholics Speak Out for the Vulnerable: Oppose Physician Assisted Suicide in NYS

Catholic teaching calls us to uphold the dignity and value of human life until its natural end. This year legislation is being proposed in New York to legalize physician assisted suicide. In the coming weeks you'll have the opportunity to sign our Diocese-wide petition asking our New York State legislature to oppose legalizing physician assisted suicide in New York. Keep reading the bulletin to learn more about this issue. Paper petitions will be available to sign if you choose, after masses for Public Policy weekend, February 8 & 9.



Closing/Cancellation Notifications

We follow the Webster Central Schools weather closings so if Webster schools close due to the weather, St Paul's will be closed as well.

The info will be posted on our web site as well as via the local media as noted below:

TV: Channel 10 (News 10 NBC)

Radio: NewsRadio WHAM1180, 92.5 WBEE, 98.9 The Buzz, 96.5 WCMF, 98PXY, and

Online: stpaulsrcc.org, whec.com, 13wham.com

Please note that channel 13 has designated churches as "web only", so if you prefer to look for closing information on the television, please check channel 10 (NBC).

If you would like to get an email when we have a weather related closing, go to www.whec.com/closings and click the Link that says: "Register to Receive Alerts Via Email"

Enter your email, check the box, and click "Agree" On the next page, click on the blue "Subscribe" button. Find the Business or School you want to get the info on (in this case, St. Paul's Webster or St Paul's Webster School of Religion) and click "Subscribe" You can add more than one if you want.

Then when we have a closing, Channel 10 will send you an email.

Reach Dinner Feed the Homeless



The winter has already brought miserable, snowy weather and people with nowhere to sleep have found the REACH house on West Main Street a comfortable haven for food and shelter. People come in hungry and appreciate the meals provided by volunteers.

St. Paul's Good Sam outreach could use your **HELP** to feed the homeless on January 28th. We would be looking for people to help with desserts, salads, fresh fruit, milk. Just sign the sheet posted on the hall bulletin board and someone from Good Sam will contact you.

We have been asked to provide food for at least 35 people. They would like to be able to feed everyone that comes in so if we can provide a little extra it is always gratefully received. Leftovers are frozen and used on the weekend so nothing goes to waste.

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.

Have You Read...

Nouwen, Henri J. M.
Life of the Beloved
(Spiritual Living in a
Secular World)

Father Nouwen informs us this book is the fruit of a longstanding friendship with a reporter for the *New York Times* who arrived in his office somewhat reluctantly one day to interview him. Nouwen sensed that this was a man full of gifts, anxiously searching for a way to use them. The two men were quite conscious of their radically different religious backgrounds, a secular Jew and a Catholic priest, but they became close friends. One day, the reporter asked him, "Why don't you write something about the spiritual life for me and my friends?" He persuaded Nouwen about the need for a spirituality that speaks to men and women in a secularized society. This book is the result of that request, but ultimately the audience for this book turned out to be searching Christians, not skeptics. In His mysterious way, God had used his secular friends to instruct his disciples. (Call No. 248.4-NOU)

2019 Donation Statements



Due to diocesan guidelines, we will be sending 2019 donation statements to all who have made donations this year.

We have to have them out by January 31 and hopefully much sooner – we are working to get all the envelope data entered and as soon as that is done we can run the statements.

So if you made a donation, you will receive a statement. Thank you!

For the Children

Perego, Jeanne
Joseph and Chico:
The Life of Pope Benedict XVI
as told by a Cat

This is an authorized biography that has been approved by the Vatican. The story of the life of Pope Benedict XVI is told by Chico. Chico is a real cat that knew Joseph Aloysius long before he became Pope. "Chico tells the story of "his best friend" from his birth in Germany in 1927, through his days as a student, a young seminarian, a priest, bishop, and cardinal." Enjoy the Pope Benedict's story and the warm illustrations. J 92 PER Ages: 6-10.



Daily Blessing

This day is full of beauty and adventure,
 help me Lord to be fully alive to it all.
 During this day, may I become a more thoughtful
 person, a more prayerful person, a more generous and
 kind person.

Help me not to be turned in on myself but
 to be sensitive and helpful to others.
 Let me do nothing today that will hurt anyone,
 but let me help at least a little,
 to make life more pleasant for those I meet.

When night comes, may I look back on this day without
 regrets; and may nobody be unhappy because of
 anything I have said or done or failed to do.

Lord God, bless this day for me and all of us.
 Make it a day in which we grow a little more
 like your Son, and gentle as Mary His Mother.
 Amen.



Ministry Schedule for January 18 & 19, 2020

| | 4:00 PM | 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM |
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| Acolytes | T.J. Swinson Alyssa Bower | Margaret Milner Emmett Ernst | Evan Pumputis Bella Pumputis |
| Ushers | Arnie Read Chris Strait | Herb Gauch Neil Rojek | Fred Compertore Marilyn Merrigan |
| Sacristans | Jane Adams | D.A. Hutnick | Marge Gascon |
| Lectors Commentators | Margie Richardson Barb Robbins | Karen Heller Mary Catherine Zona | Gina McNamara Larry McNamara |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Jill Cosgrove Forest Shick Julie Shick Sue Dettman Trisha DeBacco Mark DeBacco | Don Fisher Joann Fisher Mary Catherine Zona Peter Pellitteri Pat Amedeo Jack Black | Braden Pumputis Rose Riefer Anne LaClaire Ellen Santora Christopher Koppen George Hanley |
| Greeters | Bill Galbraith Ron Cimino Volunteer Needed | D.A. Hutnick Joe & Marianne Ferrara | Ellen Santora Rose Riefer Volunteer Needed |
| Linens | Marilyn Merrigan | | |

**Music for January 12th
The Baptism of the Lord**



On Jordan's Bank (*Winchester New*).....No. 418
 Shall We Gather At The River (*Hanson Place*).....No. 873
 Songs Of Thankfulness & Praise (*Salzburg*).....No. 459
 Baptized In Water (*Bunessan*).....No. 903

Readings: No. 1012
 Psalm 29: The Lord Will Bless His People.....No. 1012

Knights of Columbus Open House

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in your faith, and would like access to top rated insurance protection for your family and are a male 18 or older, then the Knights of Columbus, the worlds' largest Catholic men's fraternal organization is the place for you.

The Knights of Columbus is home for the Webster and Ontario parishes and we invite you and your spouse to an open house at the Webster Columbus Center, located at 70 Barrett Drive on Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30 pm. There will be a short presentation and time for questions. Refreshments will be served. Please consider joining us. To RSVP contact Dan Scalzo at dscalzo69@gmail.com or call 314-8841.

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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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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