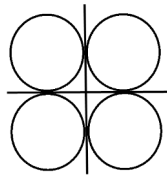


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

**January 12, 2025 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

The Holy Spirit  
descended upon him.  
- Lk 3:21-22a

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### 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.



**Church Calendar**

**Monday, January 13**

**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

**Tuesday, January 14**

**Weekday**

8:30A Mass with anointing  
12:00P Rosary Group

**Wednesday, January 15**

**Weekday**

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

**Thursday, January 16**

**Weekday**

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

**Friday, January 17**

**St. Anthony, Abbot**

No Mass

**Saturday, January 18**

**Weekday**

10:00A Prayer Shawl mtg.  
2:00P Confession  
4:00P Mass

**Sunday, January 19**

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

No SOR Classes

No Confirmation Prep Classes

9:00A Mass-Baptism  
11:00A Mass  
12:00P OCIA class



**Parish Staff**

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<b>Parish Trustees:</b> Forest Shick & George Hanley	

**Parish Office Hours**

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

**Phone:** 671- 2100  
**Emergency Number:** 369-9687  
**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org  
**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org



**Financial Snapshot**

	December 2024	July-December 2024
Collections	\$63,462	\$250,879
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,978	\$21,248
Expenses	\$29,658	\$261,214
Operating surplus/deficit	\$36,782	\$13,919

**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  
all of the parishioners of  
St. Paul's*

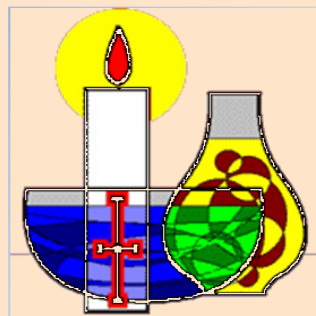
# *Seeds for the Journey*

Unless we were baptized at an age beyond that of an infant, it is highly unlikely that any of us remember anything about one of the most momentous events in our lives. However, while most of us don't recall the actual event, the paschal candle, the baptismal font and the sacred oils residing in the Ambry in the back of the church, are constant reminders of what God has done for us, and continues to do for us, in and through the sacrament of baptism. Through the grace of baptism we are forgiven, renewed, and empowered to live a life of faith; entitled, as God's children, to share in the full sacramental life of the Church.

Through the waters of baptism, we received the Word of God, who spoke to us and called us by name, as God's beloved son or daughter. As we were anointed with the sacred oils the Holy Spirit - in a very mysterious but concrete manner - came upon us and united us to Jesus, strengthening us against a world of sin, violence, and hatred. Furthermore, as we gazed upon the lighted baptismal candle, the light of Christ infused us with the capacity to receive and to live the Gospel message and commissioned us to share that message of light and hope with the world around us.

Today, on the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, we not only celebrate Jesus' identity as God's beloved son, but we also celebrate our own identities as children of God. Since the day of our baptism God continues to say to each of us, as he said to his own son, "you are my beloved; in you I am well pleased." To that end, it should comfort us to know that no matter what we have done, where we have been, how many times we have failed, how many sins we have committed, we are loved and cherished by God.

Today's feast, as well as every baptism we are privileged to witness, reminds us that in baptism we became children of God - enlightened by Christ. To that end, we have been commissioned to always walk as children of that light; to spread the good news of God's love as we help one another keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts. Then, having walked in the light, we will go out to greet Jesus when comes again him, surrounded by all the saints of God's heavenly kingdom.



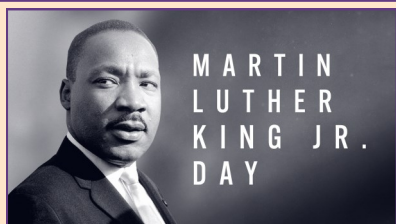
*Deacon Mark*

### Pasta Dinner Ticket Sales

I wanted to share some important details about our upcoming Pasta Dinner, scheduled for Saturday, February 8th at 5:00 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase after the Masses on the following dates: Saturday, January 25, Sunday, January 26, Saturday, February 1, and Sunday, February 2. Additionally, tickets can be bought from the parish office during office hours from Monday, January 27 to Friday, January 31, and again from Monday, February 3 to Friday, February 7.

The ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids ages 10 and under. Thank you for your support in promoting this event!

*Anselm*



**Monday, January 20**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
The Parish Office will be closed  
in observance of the holiday

### Pasta Dinner Placemats



I wanted to share that we are preparing placemats for the upcoming Pasta Dinner. Individuals or businesses can purchase a slot for \$10. This presents a wonderful opportunity to advertise your business, give a shout-out to someone special, or promote your family's name. More importantly, it's a way to sponsor this fantastic event.

Please note that placemat advertisements or shout-outs are due by the end of January. If you or anyone you know is interested, or if you need more information, feel free to reach out to me or Kasey.

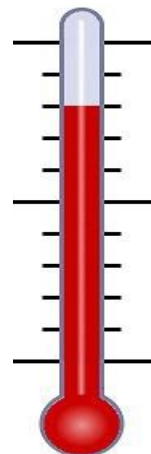
**Thank you for your support!**

*Anselm*



**Totals as of:**  
1/7/25

**Goal**  
\$100,000



**Pledged**  
\$82,240

**82.24%**  
of our goal

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

### Make a Gift to the CMA from Your IRA A Special Opportunity if You are 70-1/2 or Older

You can give any amount (up to \$105,000 per year) from your IRA directly to the CMA without having to pay taxes on the amount given as a part of your annual income. Gifts of any value less than \$105,000 or less are eligible for this benefit and you are making a difference for the Diocese of Rochester and your parish. This popular gift option is commonly called the **charitable IRA rollover**, but you may also see it referred to as a **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)**. Your disbursement must come directly from the administrator of your IRA to the Diocese - you should not receive the funds first.

The check should be made payable to:  
Diocese of Rochester/CMA

Please request a notation with the gift to include:  
Your name and St. Paul's Parish #331

Mail checks to:  
CMA, Diocese of Rochester  
1150 Buffalo Rd  
Rochester, NY 14624

The Diocese of Rochester/CMA is a qualified charity.  
The EIN or Tax ID# is: 16-0755765

Please consult with your tax advisor or IRA administrator regarding tax or account-specific questions.



**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!*

**Doctrinal Corner  
'The Divine Self Emptying'**

God loves us so much that God became human in the person Jesus, in all things but sin. Could Jesus sin? Yes, he could but Christ did not sin. Like us, Jesus was tempted by the devil, but he said 'no' to Satan. Even Satan could not understand why God became human. Satan made an ambitious attempt to obstruct this divine self-emptying, this choice of poverty. By resisting the temptations, Jesus shows us the example that we too can say no to Satan. As Johan Baptist Metz puts it, 'Satan's temptation is an assault on God's self-renunciation, an enticement to strength, security and spiritual abundance.' But Jesus defeats Satan and maintains the choice of powerlessness for our sake.

**From the John Walsh Library**

**COME VISIT THE  
CHURCH LIBRARY**



**Kay, Terry**

**To Dance with the White Dog**

In this novel, Sam Peek's children are worried that he is "losing it." When his beloved wife of 57 years dies of a heart attack, they wonder how he will survive alone on his farm, caring for his few rows of pecan trees. When Sam begins telling them about a white dog "as white as the pure driven snow" that seems invisible to everybody but him, they are convinced that grief and old age have destroyed their father's mind. But whether it is a real canine or a phantom, Sam, "one of the smartest men in the South when it comes to trees," outsmarts them all. Based on the author's own parents and set in the Deep South, this book is a loving tribute to love, family, relationships, and the blessing of living a long life. (Call No. FIC-KAY).

**Rochester Hope  
January Wish List**



Diapers size 4, 5 or 6	Toothpaste
Soap	Men & children's socks
Shampoo	Granulated sugar
Single wrapped toothbrush	Salt

Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex before or after Mass. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations on a regular basis. Thank you so much for your generosity!

## Ministry Schedule for January 18 & 19, 2025

Due to the bulletin being sent to press early, some ministry schedules have not been completed yet. If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to let them know your availability.

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Luca Picca <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Cantors</b>	Tom Napoli	Elizabeth Randisi	Bonnie Serio
<b>EMHC</b>	Cindy Ottina <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Trisha DeBacco Jack Black	Ellen Santora Anne LaClair
<b>Greeters</b>	Lucille Friscano Patrice DeAngelis	Linda D'Antonio Jerry Healey	Jean Van Apeldoorn Anne Hauber
<b>Lectors</b>	Linda Pratt	Peg Berry	Gene Mancuso
<b>Linens</b>	No linen pick up this week		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Ellen & Don Oinen	Jane Adams	Barr family
<b>Stream Team</b>	Rod Campbell	Lou Rotundo	Chris Yuskiw
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Herb Gauch Paul Fetter	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>

## St. Paul's Confirmation Retreat December 21, 2024

