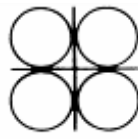


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

## January 26, 2020 Word of the Lord Sunday

### 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.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
- Mt 4:19

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### 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

### JANUARY 26TH WORD OF THE LORD SUNDAY

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

### FEBRUARY 2ND THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

## CMA Update As of January 21, 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.

**63.71%**  
of our goal



## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, January 25

#### **Word of the Lord Sunday**

#### **Food Collection**

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

### Sunday, January 26

#### **Word of the Lord Sunday**

#### **Food Collection**

9:00A Mass-CLOW  
Coffee & donuts  
9:30A Confirmation Prep Yr. 1  
10:00A SOAR  
11:00A Mass-CLOW  
Coffee & donuts  
12:10P Confirmation Prep Yr. 2  
6:00P Youth Group

### Monday, January 27

#### **Weekday**

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

### Tuesday, January 28

#### **St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

8:00A Rosary  
8:30A Mass  
11:00A Staff Mtg.  
1:15P Faith Sharing Group

### Wednesday, January 29

#### **Weekday**

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

### Thursday, January 30

#### **Weekday**

8:00A Rosary  
8:30A Mass

### Friday, January 31

#### **St. John Bosco, Priest**

8:00A Rosary  
8:30A Communion Service

### Saturday, February 1

#### **Weekday**

9:30A Prayer Shawl  
3:00P Individual Confession  
4:00P Mass-Blessing of Throats

## Parish Staff

<b>Pastor:</b> Fr. Paul Gitau x29	fr.paul.gitau@dor.org
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<b>Business Manager:</b> Robin Martz x30	robin.martz@dor.org
<b>Rectory Housekeeper:</b> Helen Stirpe	helen.stirpe@dor.org
<b>Maintenance Coordinator:</b> Ben O'Brien x28	ben.obrien@dor.org
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<b>Parish Council Chair:</b> Paul Pumputis	
<b>Parish Trustees:</b> Deb Urtz-Gleason & Dave Galeazzo	
<b>Multi Parish Finance Director:</b>	
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

	December-2019	July 2019- December 2019
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>
Average Weekly Mass Attendance	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



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  
Leo Nycz  
From  
Daughter, Mary & Family

## *Seeds for the Journey*

The priest who stole Kenya shillings 500 (\$ 5)! Someone emailed me the following story from Kenya:

A couple invited a priest from their parish for dinner in their home. After the priest left, the woman said to her husband; "I think the priest has stolen the 500 shillings (\$5) that I kept on the table of which I had the intention to give him." Angrily her husband exclaimed; "if they are not pedophiles they are thieves. There is no need to invite him again. We shall from henceforth be attending Mass in another parish."

Two months later, the woman met the priest in the street and was courageous enough to face him and said: "Good morning Father, you have surely realized that we no longer attend Mass in your parish. This is because we're very angry with you. The day you ate in our house, there was a 500 Kenya shillings (\$5) note on the table. It disappeared while we were eating. You were the only person who visited our house at that time." The priest said to her, "Yes, I took the money. I put it in the Bible to avoid spilling sauce on it." The woman got so confused and asked the priest to forgive her.

Back in her house, she took up the Bible and found the 500 Kenya shillings (\$5) note which had been there for two months.

For two months, she had not opened her Bible to reflect on the Word of the Lord Sunday, for two months she and her husband falsely accused the priest, for two months, the incident had tortured them.

Are you not at peace with yourself, for any reason whatsoever? Is it because you have not opened your Bible for a long time? Do you even have one?

On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis announced "Sunday of the Word of God" designated on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time every year. This is to commemorate the unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist. During Mass, we are fed with the Word of God and then nourished with Eucharist. Through the Body and Blood of Jesus, the Living Word, we are strengthened. Partaking of God's nourishment through the Word and Eucharist, we become not only receivers, but bearers of the joy of the Good News to others.

St. Paul in 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 says "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work...proclaim the Word..."

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for promoting New Evangelization, told Vatican News on September 30, 2019, "The Bible is the most widely distributed book, but it also perhaps the one most covered in dust because it is not held in our hands." That is why Pope Francis said, "we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness." The Holy Father wrote, "The Bible is the book of the Lord's people, who in listening to it, move from dispersion and division toward unity" as well as come to understand God's love and become inspired to share it with others.

We all know that bad news spreads like a bush fire as we can find it on our phones, radio, TV, etc. We are lucky because as Christians, we have an inexhaustible source of the Good News: the Bible. To listen to this Good News and receive it with joy is Pope Francis' call to us and God's intention for us all. Our Lord Jesus Christ invites us to hear His Word, to understand it and to put it into action.

*Father Paul*





### St. Pauly Box Update:

You received new clothes for Christmas but they won't fit in your closet! What to do? Clean out the old ones and bring them to our St. Pauly Box.

We have come to depend on the revenue that we receive from St. Pauly Textile for the donations. They pay us .04 per pound. We receive between \$300 and \$500 per month, which we include in our budget.

In addition to benefiting St. Paul's, the donations directly benefit the needy in the US as well as around the world. St. Pauly Textile distributes throughout 44 countries.

So please bring those old clothes, shoes, belts, purses, linens, blankets and drapes to our St. Pauly box. Receipts are available. Thank you!

### From the Kitchen

Have you been looking for a certain plate or dish and haven't been able to find it? Maybe you've shared food or baked goods for a Martha's Reception or other event and it was left in the kitchen. The cupboards are overflowing with many serving platters, plates, bowls and Tupperware containers.

On the weekend of February 1 & 2, after each of the masses Helen will be downstairs in the kitchen to assist you in finding what belongs to you. Email Helen at [helen.stirpe@dor.org](mailto:helen.stirpe@dor.org) with questions.



**An invitation to enjoy** Coffee & Donut hour. Coffee, donuts, bagels, hot tea, hot chocolate, lemonade and water are offered on Sundays after the 9:00 a.m. mass and the 11:00 mass downstairs in the parish hall. Come down visit with or get to know other parishioners.

**An invitation to help.** There is an opportunity for you to use your time and talent by helping this Social Ministry. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Jambo Java Café.

THANK YOU to all the individuals and families who have served an hour of their Sunday to help keep the coffee brewing in the Café.

May 31, 2020 will be the last day for Coffee & Donuts and there are quite a few slots still open. Helen will be there each week and would love the help. Feel free to email her at: [helen.stirpe@dor.org](mailto:helen.stirpe@dor.org)

### St. Paul's CMA Update



As of January 21st, 296 of St. Paul's families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family, and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

## Have You Read...

### Lee, Michael E. Revolutionary Saint (The Theological Legacy of Oscar Romero)

Pope Francis canonized Archbishop Oscar Romero in October, 2018, thirty-eight years after his tragic murder in San Salvador while he was saying mass. He was martyred for his commitment to the poor and to social justice. Although he ascended to the highest ecclesiastical office of his country, he focused his attention on the poor, teaching that we must lift up the lowly and that the mighty must come down from their thrones. Romero lived in revolutionary times, times of political, economic, social, and theological revolutions that were upending old ways of seeing things. The contemporary reality of globalization, extreme income inequality, and the ongoing questions about the role of the church in the world demand a new response by people of faith. The legacy of Oscar Romero can help to guide that response. (Call No. 282.092-LEE; "New")



**Congratulations to the  
following young people  
who made their  
First Penance on  
January 16, 2020**

Alexandra Black	Owen Lynch
Luca Bleier	Catherine Maier
Ella Boneberg	Madisyn McDonnell
Kai Conjerti	Zachary Nuwer
Theodore Corriveau	Cole Parody
Lydia Cozzo	Katelyn Talbot
Cecilia DeSario	Cameron Tara
Lucas Heller	Christopher Yuskiw

## For the Children

### McCaslin, Susan Thinking about God

In this delightful story, a young child asks his mother questions about God and together they discuss what God is like. God is like a Mother, a Father, the wind. God loves everybody. And God laughs! Read together, this thought-provoking book will help children and parents think about God. E MCC Ages: Pre-K – Grade 2.

### Feast of St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

A blessing of throats will take place during all masses on the next weekend of February 1st and 2nd.

Many Catholics might remember St. Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. St. Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

Blaise is the patron saint of caring for wild animals as well as those with throat troubles.

### Public Policy Weekend February 8 & 9

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

Next weekend after all masses you will have the opportunity, if you choose, to sign the diocese-wide Public Policy Weekend petition in opposition to physician assisted suicide. The petition will read:

*"I strongly oppose any legislation to legalize assisted suicide in New York State. Allowing doctors to prescribe a lethal dose for patients to end their lives devalues human life. There is also significant potential for abuse. I urge you to focus instead on improving palliative care, to ensure compassionate, comprehensive care and pain management for those who are terminally ill. We need to accompany rather than abandon them."*

## Ministry Schedule for February 1 &amp; 2, 2020

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	Patrick Mason <b>TBD</b>	Margaret Milner <b>TBD</b>	Elena Martinez-Nobrega Evan Pumputis
<b>Ushers</b>	Alice Bower Kevin Nuwer	Bernie Schimmel Bill Isaac Tim Thomas	Sandra Happ George Hanley
<b>Sacristans</b>	Jane Adams	The Lyons Family	Sharyn LiPari
<b>Lectors Commentators</b>	David Swinson Toni Lynn Swinson	Josephine Cozzo Jack Black	Kim Patterson Marcia Kusse
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Dennis Olbrich Kathy Olbrich Bob Frank Pat Thomas Janet Trippe Liz Kmiecinski	Al Granville George Lejniaks Mike Fredericks Josephine Cozzo Craig Lippolis Margaret Milner	Sandra Happ Gina McNamara Larry McNamara George Hanley Christopher Koppen Ellen Santora
<b>Greeters</b>	Joseph & Gale Lovejoy <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Corrine Volo Nancy Willard Barb Rehberg	Forest & Julie Shick <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Linens</b>	Rose Schichtel		

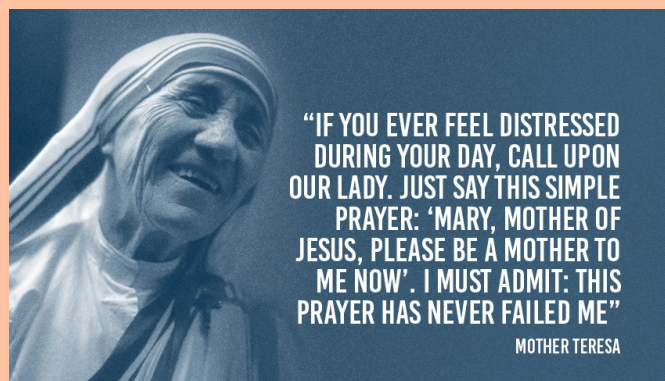
### Music for January 26th Word of the Lord Sunday



The Summons (*Kelvingrove*).....No. 790  
 Lord When You Came (*Gabarain*).....No. 781  
 Were Charity & Love Prevail (*Christian Love*).....No. 706  
 You Walk Along Our Shoreline (*Aurelia*).....No. 797

Readings: No. 1098

Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light (*Guimont*).....No. 1098



"IF YOU EVER FEEL DISTRESSED  
 DURING YOUR DAY, CALL UPON  
 OUR LADY. JUST SAY THIS SIMPLE  
 PRAYER: 'MARY, MOTHER OF  
 JESUS, PLEASE BE A MOTHER TO  
 ME NOW'. I MUST ADMIT: THIS  
 PRAYER HAS NEVER FAILED ME"

MOTHER TERESA

### 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)

### 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