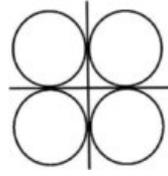


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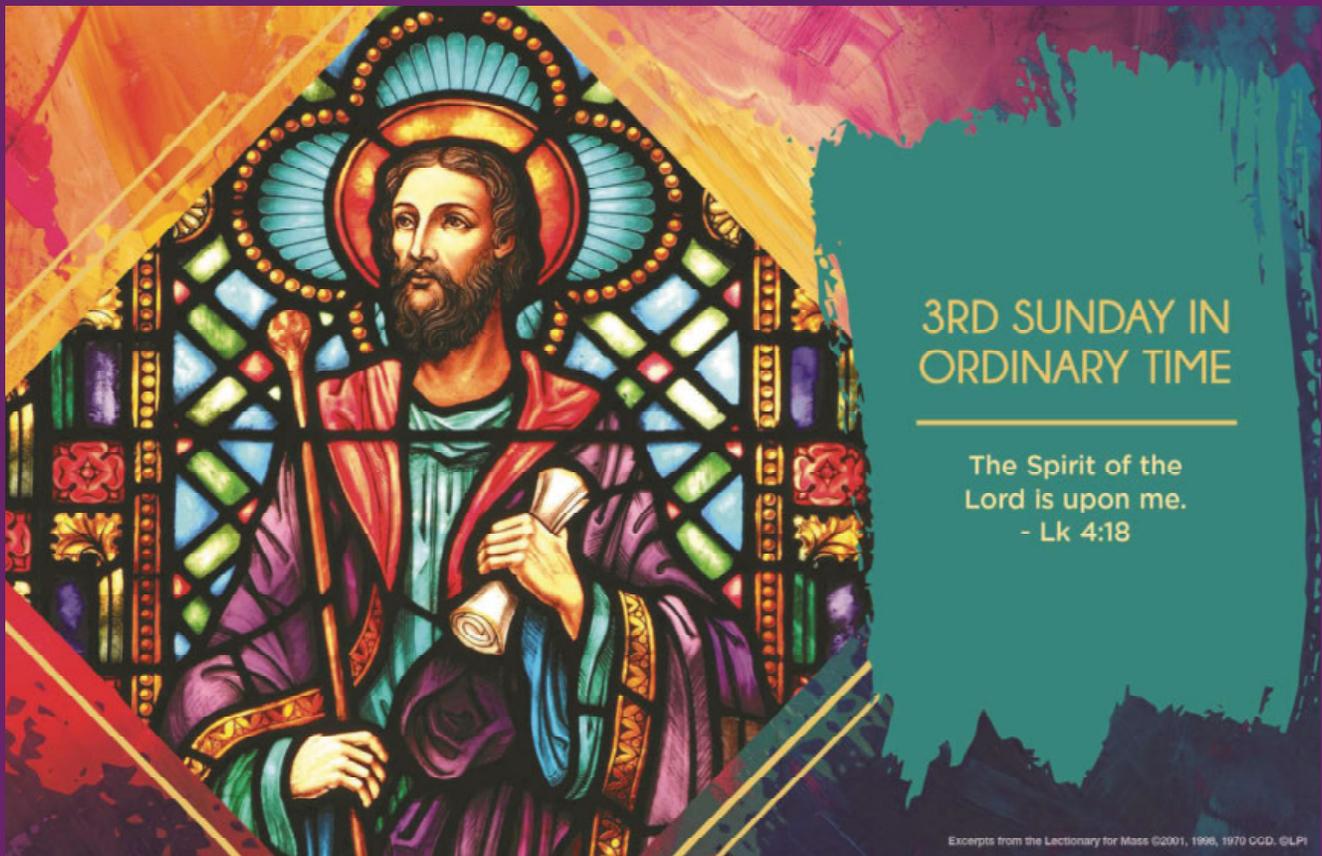


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

**January 26, 2025 Third 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.



### 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.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, January 27**

**Weekday**

8:30A Mass  
11:00A Book Club  
3:00P Finance Council mtg.

**Tuesday, January 28**

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

8:30A Mass with anointing  
11:00A Staff mtg.  
12:00P Rosary Group

**Wednesday, January 29**

**Weekday**

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

**Thursday, January 30**

**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

**Friday, January 31**

**St. John Bosco, Priest**

No Mass

**Saturday, February 1**

**Weekday**

Pasta Dinner & Raffle Ticket Sales after Mass  
Birthday Blessing during Mass  
10:00A Prayer Shawl  
2:00P Confession  
4:00P Mass-Blessing of Throats

**Sunday, February 2**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

Pasta Dinner & Raffle Ticket Sales after Mass  
Birthday Blessing during Masses  
9:00A Mass-Blessing of Throats  
10:00A SOR classes  
10:00A Confirmation Prep yr. 1  
11:00A Mass-Blessing of Throats  
12:00P Confirmation Prep yr. 2



**Parish Staff**

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>Pastor:</b> Fr. Paul Gitau                                    | fr.paul.gitau@dor.org       |
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| <b>Parish Council Chair:</b> Patrice DeAngelis                   |                             |
| <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  
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**Financial Snapshot**

|                              | December 2024 | July-December 2024 |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Collections                  | \$63,462      | \$250,879          |
| Donations/<br>other revenue  | \$2,978       | \$21,248           |
| Expenses                     | \$29,658      | \$261,214          |
| Operating<br>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  
Bud Straube  
From,  
Family*

# *Seeds for the Journey*

## It's Cold and dark and feels like January 311<sup>th</sup> ....

For some, the winter months may lead to feelings of sadness and loneliness. Cold temperatures, less sunlight and holiday stress can cause seasonal affective disorder or "the winter blues." I know especially now when it's -47 and the snow won't stop, I can find myself in a "funk" that's hard to get out of. I was reading an article the other day that had a list of things to do to help beat the blues....So I thought I would share a few that spoke to me.

**Express gratitude:** Give thought to what you are grateful for. Reflect on people, experiences and simple pleasures in your life that bring you happiness such as a beautiful snowy day, hot cider, friendships, etc. Random acts of kindness have been shown to spread!

**Let yourself indulge in little things:** Participate in activities that bring you comfort, warmth and peace. Visit friends and family. Buy small gifts for yourself or loved ones. Order your favorite dish at a local restaurant.

**Stay active:** Exercise can help release beneficial hormones in our brains and nervous systems called endorphins. Endorphins have helpful physiological effects on our minds and bodies. A daily 30-minute walk may help prevent depression, so get out there!

**Enjoy the sunlight:** Natural light helps to beat the winter blues. If you are near a window, take time to look outside and label things you see. What colors do you notice? What do you see that is moving? Be intentional about viewing the scenery. No window near your workspace? Get out of your chair and go to the nearest window or door for a few minutes throughout the day.

Chin up! There's only 53 days till the first day of Spring!!

*Kasey*



Do you remember the day you were married? Not just the date, but the details...the weather, the inside of the church, the butterflies in your stomach, the reception, your first dance, who was there and most importantly your vows to your spouse?

We would love for you to join us at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 8th to renew your vows and receive a special blessing from Father Paul. Invite your family and friends to Mass to witness and celebrate with you. You may have been married last year or 60 plus years ago, come and recommit yourself to your spouse. To have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health , to love and to cherish, until death do you part.



Fr. Paul will give a special blessing during Masses next weekend, February 1 & 2 as we celebrate February birthdays.

## Coffee & Donut Hour

Sunday, February 2 after Masses  
10:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.



## St. Paul's Pasta Dinner Fundraiser February 8 at 5:00 p.m.

### Pasta Dinner Ticket Sales

Tickets are still available for purchase after the Masses on the following weekends: January 25 & 26 and February 1 & 2. You may also purchase tickets from the parish office during regular office hours, Monday-Friday beginning January 27-February 7th.

The ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids aged 10 and under. Exact cash or check accepted.

### Pasta Dinner Placemats

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.

All placemat advertisements are due by the end of January. If you are interested, or need more information, email, [anselm.mesue@dor.org](mailto:anselm.mesue@dor.org) or [kasey.baker@dor.org](mailto:kasey.baker@dor.org)

### Pasta Dinner Call for Volunteers



Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Faith Formation programs. If you are interested in helping the Confirmation candidates, their parents, and the Knights of Columbus as a volunteer for the pasta dinner please email Anselm. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated and would make a significant difference. Thank you for considering this opportunity to support our Confirmation candidates and their families. To volunteer please contact Anselm Mesue via email:

[Anselm.mesue@dor.org](mailto:Anselm.mesue@dor.org)

## Blessing of Throats

In the Catholic Church there is the worldwide customary practice of blessing throats on February 3, the Memoria of St Blaise, or at the weekend Masses near the feast. Next weekend, at all Masses, throats will be blessed. Why are throats blessed on February 3 or on a date close to February 3? Why is the blessing of throats associated with St Blaise?

St Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts, he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking because of a fish-bone in his throat. Since the eighth century, Saint Blaise has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those suffering from illnesses of the throat. We pray in a special way today for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. The Church has always shown great love and care for those suffering from any form of illness. The Church teaches that: "part of the plan laid out by God's providence is that we should fight strenuously against all sickness and carefully seek the blessings of good health, so that we may fulfill our role in human society and in the Church." **Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum, no. 3.**

During the blessing of the throats the minister, touching the throat of each person with crossed candles says: Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Each person responds: Amen.

In the Gospels, we read how Jesus is concerned about the sick. In the Gospel of Mark, after this Resurrection while commissioning the eleven, Jesus said: "go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe; in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. **They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover**" (Mark 16:15-20).

May St Blaise intercede for us so that we may be delivered from any diseases of the throat and from every other illness.

*Anselm*



## A Prayer for Catholic Schools

*Good and gracious God,  
we pray that the focus and foundation of  
our Catholic schools  
will always be the person of Jesus Christ.*

*May we remember that we are  
called to work together  
as part of your universal Church  
to build your kingdom in our midst.*

*Let each of our Catholic schools,  
no matter how large or how small,  
be recognized by its commitment to excellence,  
its efforts to form the whole child,  
its hospitality towards all,  
and its intentional development as a community of  
faith, collaboration, trust, and love.*

*Help us to view every aspect of our world  
through the lens of the Gospel and the  
teachings of our faith, and let every member of our  
Catholic school communities  
become a visible example of what it means  
to put faith into action.*

*Amen!*

## Hands of Christ Award 2025



Five high school seniors from St Paul's shall be recognized and honored with the Hands of Christ Award at a ceremony to be presided by Bishop Matano at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester at 7pm on February 4 and February 5, 2024. The Diocese of Rochester's Hands of Christ recognition honors graduating high school seniors whose hearts have been captivated by the love of Jesus Christ. Congratulations to the students from St Paul's receiving the award this year:

**Morgan Tara, Blake Cusse, Massimo Picca,  
Bella Pumputis and Anthony Swinson.**

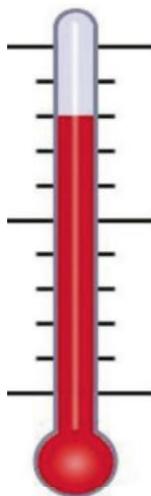
## Ministry Schedule for February 1 & 2, 2025

If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

|                    | 4:00 PM                     | 9:00 AM  | 11:00 AM   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Acolytes</b>    | TBD<br>TBD                  | TBD<br>TBD   | TBD<br>TBD   |
| <b>Cantors</b>     | TBD                         | TBD  | TBD  |
| <b>EMHC</b>        | Sue Dettman<br>TBD          | TBD<br>TBD   | TBD<br>TBD   |
| <b>Greeters</b>    | Julie Shick<br>Forest Shick | Ebertz family                                      | Anne LaClair<br>Jean Van Apeldoorn                 |
| <b>Lectors</b>     | TBD                         | TBD  | TBD  |
| <b>Linens</b>      | No linen pick up this week  |  |  |
| <b>Sacristans</b>  | Sue Dettman                 | Turner family                                      | Sharyn LiPari                                      |
| <b>Stream Team</b> | Rod Campbell                | Tom Napoli   | Chris Yuskiw                                       |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Sue Dettman<br>Alice Bower  | <b>Volunteer Needed</b><br><b>Volunteer Needed</b> | <b>Volunteer Needed</b><br><b>Volunteer Needed</b> |



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1/21/25



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## From the John Walsh Library

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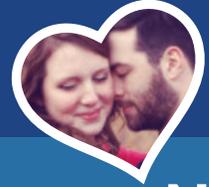
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