

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

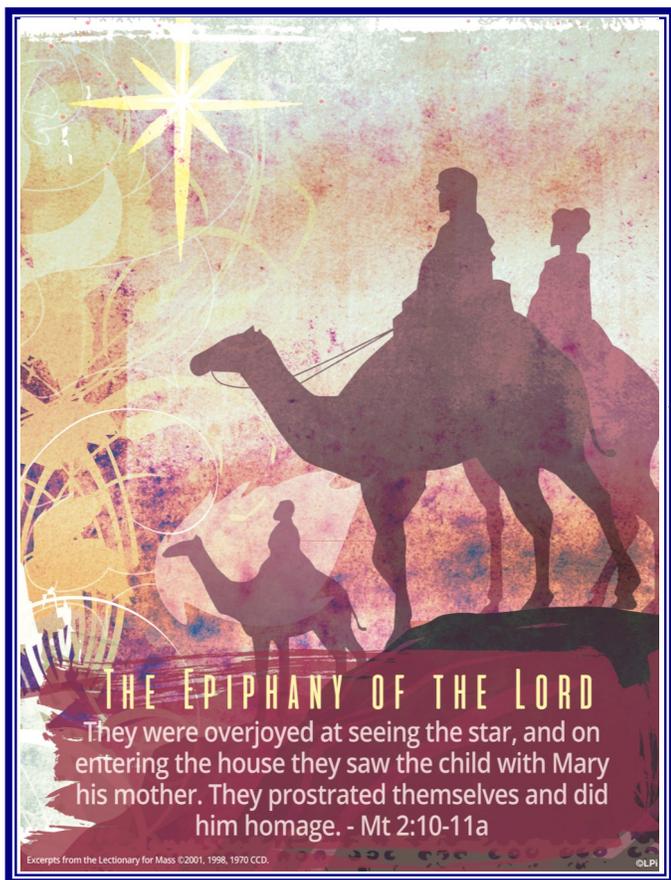


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

## January 5, 2020 The Epiphany 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.



### JANUARY 5TH THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

### JANUARY 12TH BAPTISM OF THE LORD

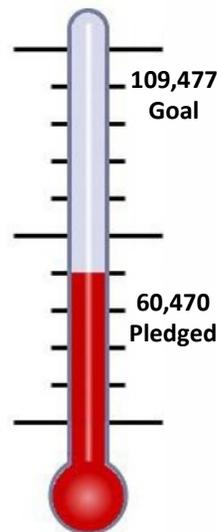
First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

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

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

## CMA Update As of December 20, 2019

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



55.24%  
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

# 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Saturday, January 4 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

9:30A Prayer Shawl  
12:00P Confirmation Prep  
Epiphany Celebration  
3:00P Individual Confession  
4:00P Mass

## Sunday, January 5 **Epiphany of the Lord**

No CLOW  
No Coffee & Donuts  
No SOAR  
No Confirmation Prep  
No Youth Group  
9:00A Mass  
11:00A Mass

## Monday, January 6 **Christmas Weekday**

No SOAR  
8:00A Rosary  
8:30A Communion Service  
7:00P Stewardship Mtg.

## Tuesday, January 7 **Christmas Weekday**

8:00A Rosary  
8:30A Communion Service  
9:15A Coffee & Catholicism  
1:15P Faith Sharing Group

## Wednesday, January 8 **Christmas Weekday**

No Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
8:00A Rosary  
8:30A Communion Service  
7:00P Good Sam Outreach Mtg.  
7:00P Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 9 **Christmas Weekday**

8:00A Rosary  
8:30A Communion Service

## Friday, January 10 **Christmas Weekday**

8:00A Rosary  
8:30A Communion Service

## Saturday, January 11 **Christmas Weekday**

3:00P Individual Confession  
4:00P Mass

## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau x29  
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tanapoli@live.com  
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**Parish Trustees:** Deb Urtz-Gleason & Dave Galeazzo  
**Multi Parish Finance Director:**  
Joan Sullivan: 671-1100 x21  
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## 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 do-  
nations 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

|                             | November-2019   | July 2019-<br>November 2019 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Weekly Collections          | \$61,001 *      | \$208,995                   |
| Donations / Other Revenue   | \$5,234         | \$24,546                    |
| Expenses                    | \$(52,346)      | \$(261,271)                 |
| Operating surplus (deficit) | <b>\$13,889</b> | <b>\$(27,730)</b>           |

Average Weekly Mass Attendance 541 479

\*November collections include annual donations

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  
Alec Konrad  
Mason Serrano  
Andrew Zani  
Jay Riesenberger  
Daniel Thomas

Josh Bartlett  
Sean Black  
Shawn Reidy  
Tom Weisenreder  
Andrew O'Brien  
Cydney Blong  
Michael J. Desiato



This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Michael Purpura  
From  
Wife & Family

# *Seeds for the Journey*

## "Service with a Smile"



How many times have we heard or recalled that slogan as we prepared to shop at a popular store, searched on the internet for a needed repair provider, or dined at favorite restaurant? According to Barry Popik, a scholar of etymology and contributor to such publications as the Oxford English Dictionary and the Dictionary of American Regional English, the catchphrase can be traced as far back as 1915. The Abraham and Straus (A&S) store featured the saying in an advertisement that read, "Service with a smile to make your Christmas shopping easy." That ad probably did wonders for business.

Did you know that when you smile, people treat you differently? They view you as sincere, relaxed, even reliable. In fact, seeing an attractive, smiling face activates the region in your brain that processes sensory rewards, suggesting that when you see a person smiling, you feel rewarded.

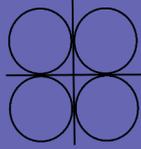
Over the past few months, I've been privileged to witness an outpouring of smiling faces. On two occasions in October and November, and this past Saturday, January 4, our St. Paul Confirmation students and many of their parents enthusiastically participated in service activities. The fall events saw the youth leading the Maplewood elders in songs of the past, as well as favorites from the Sound of Music. Together they decorated pumpkins and made personalized door-hangers for the residents' rooms. Their laughing conversations, the helpful actions of their parents and the grateful smiles of the elders were sights to behold.

This weekend, after hearing stories of human needs in our community from representatives of various service organizations, the teens assembled birthday bags, and made tie blankets for teenage mothers and their babies. The acts of service that they performed were wonderful in themselves, but the smiles and happy faces of everyone involved elevated the experiences to something much more meaningful. They became acts of love.

Like the Magi offering their gifts to the Son of God, the families experienced "epiphanies" or "aha moments" in which their presence became a sign of hope in our world of today. Let us all learn from their example, to serve others with smiles and joy.

"We have seen his star in the East and have come with gifts to adore the Lord." Our Communion antiphon on this feast of the Epiphany reveals the mission of the Magi and reminds us of the role we take on as Christians; to make good use of the gifts that we have been given, to serve others in love and thus transform our world. Oh, I almost forgot... don't forget to flash your beautiful smile.

*Bonnie*



*Welcome to St. Paul's  
Fr. Bill Holland*

### 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!

### A New Year's Prayer

**Give us** the kindness to hear with compassion, to offer support, loving comfort, and care.

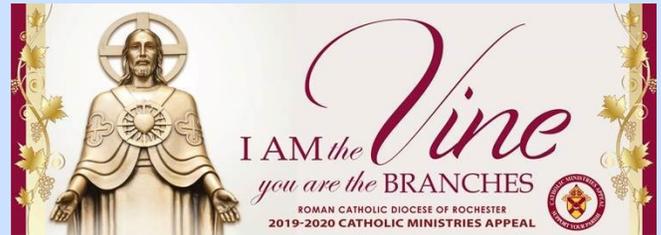
**Give us** the courage to do what is needed, the wisdom to choose what is right and fair.

**Give us** the vision to see what is possible.

**Give us** the faith that will help pave the way for a present that is hopeful, a future that is peaceful—

**Give us** a heart to bring joy to each day.

## Catholic Ministries Appeal



Each year, our Diocese of Rochester asks the parishioners of all of its parishes to open their hearts and support the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). It asks each of us to recognize that we are part of a larger diocesan Church that is bigger than our own parish. In other words, through the power of many, we are stronger as one!

While every gift - large or small - gets us closer to our goal, if you can see your way to pledge closer to (or even beat) last year's average gift of \$100, it would relieve pressure on our overall budget and help preserve our future. Collectively, these gifts will support:

**Vocations and Priesthood:** our CMA gift will help fund the formation of candidates to the Permanent Diaconate.

**Catholic Charities:** programs that support families with members who have developmental disabilities, need employment support, childcare and adoption services, plus help for the homeless and refugees from throughout the world.

**Catholic Schools:** including the development of teachers and the adoption of diocesan-wide accounting systems that are designed to make our parish and school book-keeping even more efficient and economical.

**Faith Formation Ministries:** in which our own parish youth can participate, like diocesan-led retreats and the National Catholic Youth Conference.

Will you support us this year? CMA envelopes are available at the doors or donate online at [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org).

Please accept our thanks for considering the invitation to contribute to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal.



## Have You Read...

**Bourgeault, Cynthia**  
**The Meaning of Mary Magdalene**  
**(Discovering the Woman**  
**at the Heart of Christianity)**

If you look in the Bible, there are only a handful of verses that speak of Mary Magdalene and yet she is one of the most influential symbols of Christianity. The author, an Episcopal priest and the author of several books, hopes to repair the damage caused by the patriarchal and sometimes misogynist tradition and reclaim Mary Magdalene's legitimate role as teacher and disciple. Reverend Bourgeault examines the Bible, church tradition, art, and legend. What emerges is a radical view of Mary Magdalene as one of Jesus' most important disciples, perhaps the one who best understood his teachings. She was a person for whom Jesus had a deep spiritual love; she was present at the crucifixion and was one of the first witnesses to the resurrection. Reverend Bourgeault carefully reexamines the role played by the woman we thought we knew! (Call No. 226.092-BOU; "New")

## For the Children

**Park, Linda Sue**  
**The Third Gift**

In The Third Gift, we read about a young boy helping his father gather "tears" from trees. These tears are the "pearls of sap" that ooze from certain shrubs. Only the most skilled can cut the tree just right to produce the largest, most precious tears. It also takes much practice to pick the best trees from which to collect the largest tears. As they work this particular day, the father has the boy pick what is the largest tear. They take the day's finds to the market. There are three very impressive men seeking only the best. Once they see this most magnificent tear, they buy it. It will be their present for a baby. You see, these tears are myrrh – the third gift of the Magi. Linda Sue Park, a Newbery-winning author, adds an engaging note explaining more about the tradition of the Three Wise Men as well as more about myrrh and its uses. E PAR Grade 2 and up



### Update

This year with the generous donations from membership, local residents and churches, the Trinity Council #4618 of Webster raised enough money to purchase a record number of 336 new winter coats. The coats purchased were distributed to 15 charitable organizations and 4 school districts.

The Knights of Columbus Trinity Council thanks you for your generous donations to provide winter coats for children in need.

### Salting & Shoveling Subs Needed

We are in need of a few hardy volunteers to help out with snow removal on those rare occasions when Ben, our Maintenance Coordinator, is out of town.

This doesn't happen often but we would like to know we are covered at all times. It mainly involves spreading salt on the sidewalks and or shoveling the entryways. (We have a plow that does the parking lots.) We hope to get several volunteers and then when Ben is away (or sick, again not often) we would have someone to call to ask for help.

This is great opportunity for anyone who would like to give of their time to help their parish and their fellow parishioners. Please call Jodie or Robin in the office if you would like more information and if you are willing to be one of our "Salting and Shoveling Subs" when Ben is away. Thank you!

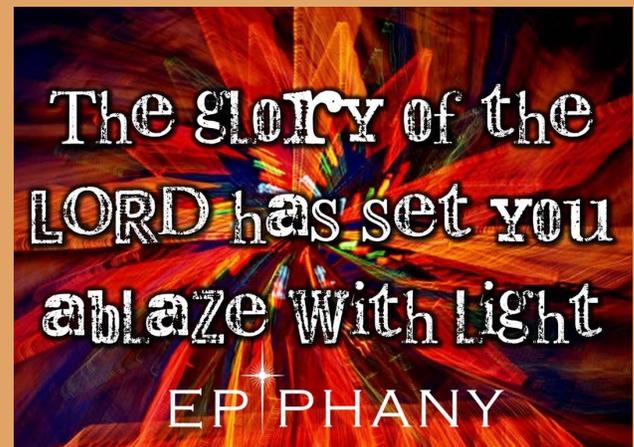
Ministry Schedule for January 11 & 12, 2020

|  | 4:00 PM  | 9:00 AM  | 11:00 AM  |
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| <b>Acolytes</b>  | Hannah Brodt<br>Catherine Rogers   | Margaret Milner<br>Nicola Bleier   | Lucy Rynkiewicz<br>Gianna Fullone   |
| <b>Ushers</b>  | Arnie Read<br>Chris Strait   | Herb Gauch<br>Neil Rojek   | Fred Compertore<br>Marilyn Merrigan   |
| <b>Sacristans</b>  | Christine Grant  | D.A. Hutnick   | Marge Gascon  |
| <b>Lectors<br/>Commentators</b>                          | David Oakes<br>Linda Pratt   | Crissy Picca<br>Kim Benzoni  | Melanie Mancuso<br>Gene Mancuso   |
| <b>Extraordinary<br/>Ministers of Holy<br/>Communion</b> | Nancy Dillon<br>Kevin Nuwer<br>Liz Kmiecinski<br>Janet Trippe<br>Pat Thomas<br>Bob Frank | Marianne Ferrara<br>Margaret Milner<br>Craig Lippolis<br>Josephine Cozzo<br>Mike Fredericks<br>George Lejniaks | Larry McNamara<br>Gina McNamara<br>Sandra Happ<br>Janet Slusar<br>Bill Green<br>Michele Cheeseman |
| <b>Greeters</b>  | Forest & Julie Shick<br><b>Volunteer Needed</b>  | Deb Urtz-Gleason<br>Pat Amedeo<br>Jean Van Apeldoorn   | Anne LaClair<br>Barb Rehberg<br><b>Volunteer Needed</b>   |
| <b>Linens</b>  | Sue Dettman  |  |   |

**Music for January 5th  
The Epiphany of the Lord**



We Three Kings (*Kings Of Orient*).....No. 463  
 What Star Is This (*Puer Natus*).....No. 461  
 The First Nowell (*The First Nowell*).....No. 460  
 Go Tell It On The Mountain (*Go Tell It On The Mountain*)  
 .....No. 428  
 Readings: No. 1011  
 Psalm 72: Every Nation Of Earth.....No. 1011



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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](mailto: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