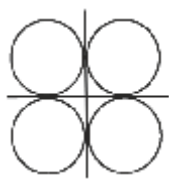


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

July 11, 2021 Fifteenth 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.



15th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7

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Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

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

Confession

Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.

or by appointment

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &

Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed**Sacrament**

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday (closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-12:45 p.m.) Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Open for visitors daily 8:00 a.m. to Noon

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

	May 2021	July 2020-May 2021
Collections	\$29,821	\$490,828
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,712	\$39,848
Expenses	\$19,375	\$497,401
Operating surplus/deficit	\$13,158	\$33,275

*"Expenses" include quarterly invoices paid.

*"Donations/other revenue" does not include CMA shortage donations of \$40,800 from challengers and donors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, July 12**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, July 13**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Wednesday, July 14***St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin***

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, July 15***St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church***

8:30A Mass

Friday, July 16**Weekday**

Parish Office Closed at Noon

No Mass or events

Saturday, July 17**Weekday**

2:00P Individual Confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, July 18***16th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

9:00A Mass

11:00A Mass

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military



Jason Aman

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Zach Bartlett

Sean Black

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Andrew O'Brien

Tom Weisenreder

Cydney Blong

Mason Serrano

Michael J. Desiato

Andrew Zani

Daniel Thomas

Jay Riesenberger

This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Pat Regna
From
Kathy & Jodie

Seeds for the Journey

When can we do away with masks? When can we return to singing? When can we offer one another a sign of peace? Will our SOAR children have in-person classes this fall? Will we have coffee and doughnuts on Sunday morning again? When will the library be opened? These, and many more, are questions that many are asking as the urgency of the COVID pandemic continues to diminish. Some of these may already have been answered by the time of this writing; others may take more time for us to address. But as we anxiously await a return to a more "normal" parish life there are more pressing questions that I think we should be asking ourselves.

It goes without saying, I think, that the COVID pandemic has changed our lives, our communities, our way of being. We view the world through a different lens than we did just a year ago. As Catholics the pandemic changed the way we celebrate, interact, and worship. It affected attendance, staffing, and our finances. At the same time we learned new things, added new technology, found new ways to reach others, etc. As parish leaders consider how best to integrate the many changes we've experienced into parish life, I think we all need to take time to reflect on what we've experienced on a personal level, and try to discern what God is speaking to us as we move forward into a new reality. To that end, I invite you to take some quiet time, both alone and with family and friends, to prayerfully reflect on the following:

1. What changes did the COVID pandemic bring into your life? How did you manage those changes?
2. What have you lost or gained (materially, emotionally, spiritually) during the crisis?
3. Try to verbalize the suffering you may have experienced; illness, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, loneliness, isolation, etc.
4. What have been your greatest challenges? How have you managed them?
5. What did you miss or have you missed the most? Why?
6. What are your thoughts about the way the pandemic has been handled, nationally and locally?
7. What do you fear the most moving forward?
8. What, if anything, do you see as a positive outcome moving forward?
9. Name something new that will continue to be a part of your life.
10. What new awareness, appreciation, lessons, or thankfulness have you experienced?
11. Where do you see God in all of this?
12. What has been your experience of prayer, faith, doubt, and wonder over the past fifteen months?

No doubt as you reflect on the above questions, others will arise. The idea is to reflect openly about what you've experienced, how your life has changed, how you see yourself integrating/managing those changes, and where God is leading you moving forward. If you are doing this reflection as a family, it's important to engage children as much as possible, encourage and allow them to express their thoughts and emotions, and listen to them intently.

Most importantly, invite God into the process. Invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit as you begin. Ask for healing, forgiveness, understanding, wisdom, and peace during every point of your reflection and discussions. End your reflection with a prayer of thanksgiving, while seeking God's vision moving forward.

Let us pray:

Gracious and loving God, even as we free ourselves of the masks that cover our faces, you see the masks that still cover our hearts. You know of our suffering, our grief, our frustration, and our pain. In your mercy set us free from the burdens that weigh on us, heal our physical wounds as well as the wounds of our hearts, and help us to see the goodness of your presence in all that we've experienced during this pandemic. As you guide us with your light help us to see our way forward with open minds and grateful hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen!

Deacon Mark

We Need Ushers!



Do you enjoy telling people what to do? And could you use a little exercise? If so, do we have a job for you!

We are in great need of ushers, at all masses. The duties consist on directing folks where to sit when they enter, keeping an eye of everyone during mass for anyone needing assistance, directing Communion traffic, and assisting with dismissal. (OK, it's not a lot of exercise but you are getting up and down a lot.)

Clearly there are many benefits to this volunteer job, so if you are interested please call Jodie in the office, 671-2100. Thank you!

Are you Thinking About the Catholic Faith?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that consists of learning about the Catholic Faith/Church through instruction and group faith sharing, participation in rites/blessings and reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Here at St Paul's, we usually meet once per week from October to May

Are you:

- A person who has not been baptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic?
- A baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn more about and possibly join the Catholic Church?
- A baptized Roman Catholic who has never received Eucharist or Confirmation and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?

The Christian Initiation process offers an environment of support and guidance as you discover how God is working in your life. Is this process for you? Do you have a friend or neighbor who may be interested? For more information, call the office @ 671-2100 or contact Deacon Mark via email, mark.robbyns@dor.org.

Bethany House Wish List for July



- ♦ Size 4 diapers
- ♦ Newborn diapers
- ♦ Pull ups
- ♦ Canned fruit
- ♦ Canned vegetables
- ♦ Pasta
- ♦ Cereal
- ♦ Canned chili with beans
- ♦ Jelly
- ♦ Pasta sauce



Please place your donations (in a paper bag) in the collection box in the Narthex during Mass. **(Enter the Narthex via the door on the left and remember to wear your mask and to social distance!!!)** The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations to Bethany House at the end of the month.

Keep St. Paul's in Mind During Your Summer Travels

Have fun on your summer vacations! We know you'll be out of town for a few Sundays this summer, but that doesn't mean you can't participate through your regular tithes. With Online Giving you can contribute from wherever you are...you can even set up payments in advance if you like! And when you give online, it helps us make our budget, even when attendance is low. Visit stpaulsrcc.org and click on the "Donate" link on our home page.



**St. Paul's welcomes the
newest members of our
faith community
Nathan Thiongo Njege &
Nayla Wamuyu Njege**

Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

This weekend is the collection to help support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 25 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support **restores the Church and builds the future** in this region.

If you wish to support this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Church in Central and Eastern Europe" in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.

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Deborah Housel

585-328-3228 x1555

Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177 x 1555

Or by email, victimassistance@dor.org

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1150 Buffalo Road—Rochester, NY 14624

 * Dear St. Paul's Church, *
 * How do we thank you? Let us count the ways! *
 * Your generous donations in March through the *
 * Lenten Food Drive have filled the lives of others *
 * with blessings too numerous to count. *
 * Our hearts are filled with gratitude and joy that in *
 * this difficult time, our neighbors continue to *
 * selflessly support our community. Your kind and *
 * caring nature is very much appreciated. *
 * Our center could not continue our work without *
 * your help. *
 * Thank you, *
 * Wayne Country Rural Ministry/Com-Unity Center *

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me,
"Go, prophesy to my people Israel." (Am 12:15)

PSALM:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation. (Ps 85)

SECOND READING:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,
as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world,
to be holy and without blemish before him. (Eph 1:3-4)

GOSPEL:

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them
out two by two
and gave them authority over unclean spirits. (Mk 6:7)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Henry
Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Thursday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The priest Amaziah was threatened by the visions of the Lord received by Amos that warned of Israel's destruction. Amos' defense is that he was chosen by God to prophesy. When has your faith been a threat to others?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of the abundance of blessings we receive from God as believers in Jesus Christ. Paul asserts these blessings make us "holy and without blemish" before God. To whom in your life should you share this message of hope and redemption?

GOSPEL READING

During his public ministry, Jesus commissioned the Twelve Apostles to evangelize by preaching repentance and healing the sick and demon possessed. What do you see as effective tools for evangelization today?

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