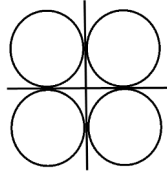


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

July 5, 2020 Fourteenth 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, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

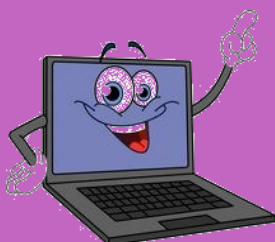
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Stay Connected!

Lots of additional information is available on **St. Paul's web site**, stpaulsrcc.org. Below are a few important items you might want to check out:

- Watch Sunday Mass
- Sign up to attend Mass on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- Read the weekly bulletin
- Donate online
- Contact a staff member
- Read the Family Zone Newsletter



Parish Staff



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Office Contact Info

The parish office is still closed to visitors, however we are in the office to answer phone calls on Monday-Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday & Friday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

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

Financial Snapshot

	May 2020	July 2019 - May 2020
Collections	\$41,085	\$497,155
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,983	\$81,802
Expenses	\$(33,920)	\$(558,923)
Operating surplus/deficit	\$10,148	\$20,034

YTD collections include Christmas collection of \$16,938 and Easter collection \$10,797.

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
 Tom Weisenreder
 Mason Serrano
 Andrew Zani
 Jay Riesenberger

Josh Bartlett
 Sean Black
 Andrew O'Brien
 Cydney Blong
 Michael J. Desiato
 Daniel Thomas

This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns
for
Tom Dalberth
From
The Hurzy Family

Seeds for the Journey

July 4th, 2020 My New Reality

I love the Fourth of July, always have. As a child, this day meant family picnics and sunshine. As a newlywed and then a mom and grandma, it grew to include family *and* neighborhood picnics, community parades, gigantic firework displays, patriotic concerts.

GOD BLESS AMERICA, LAND THAT I LOVE

But as I reflect on the holiday this year of the pandemic, I'm beginning to understand its significance in a different way. Since March we've all seen the freedoms so long taken for granted, challenged and altered. Our busy, carefree, hectic, frantic lives were suddenly changed. For a while, it seemed the world was totally out of control, our way of living derailed by Covid-19. And now we, the people are emerging into a new reality.

STAND BESIDE HER, AND GUIDE HER

On May 25, a horrified world watched the killing of a black man by police in Minneapolis. Anger and frustration erupted with the consequences of riots and destruction throughout many cities in the US and the world. And we, the people are faced with the reality that racism is ever present.

THROUGH THE NIGHT WITH A LIGHT FROM ABOVE

Liberty and freedom look different to me now. The surreal reality of the past few months has allowed me time to reflect on the key ingredient that seems to be missing in our culture, our country, our world. The myriad of emotions I've experienced; sadness, fear, frustration, loneliness, and hopelessness, all signify a hunger and need for the presence of God. Where is God in our nation, in our world?

RETURN TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

The significance of Fourth of July has changed as well. For me, it's grown from the carefree picnics and parades, from family gatherings and fireworks to a deeper commitment to my faith in God and service to others. It includes the realization that freedom requires responsibility and sacrifice, respect for the simple gifts in life and most especially for life itself. In addition, I have an increasing appreciation and admiration for the unselfish, courageous commitment of health professionals, first responders, essential workers. *And* gratitude for my faith, my family, and my country.

COME SEEK THE TENDER FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. But do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, rather serve one another through love." (Galatians 5:13).

"Especially on this day, one universal truth worthy of reflection is the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights. That calls for action – action that with the help of God can crown us with brotherhood and sisterhood, mend the world's ev'ry flaw, and bring peace to the far and near." ~Amy Kuebelbeck; Reflection for Saturday, July 4, 2020 from Give Us This Day

Bonnie

Giving Options

Go to our website (stpaulsrcc.org) and click on the DONATE link.
Or give through your bank's online bill pay feature.



Try the

GIVE PLUS⁺ MOBILE APP



To donate by text,
send your
contribution amount
to 833-931-1892



Mail your check:
St. Paul Church
783 Hard Road
Webster, NY 14580

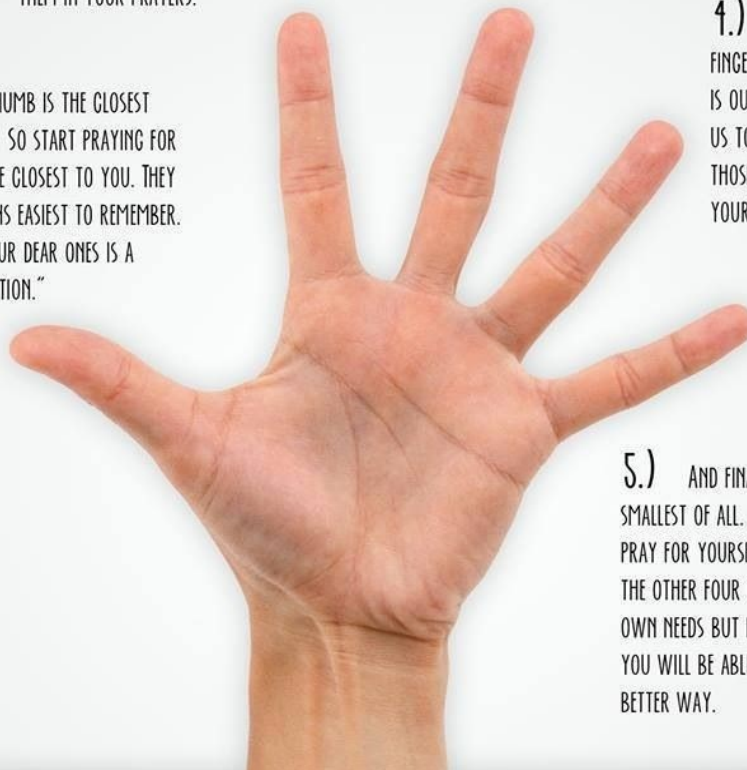
POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER

1.) THE THUMB IS THE CLOSEST FINGER TO YOU. SO START PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE CLOSEST TO YOU. THEY ARE THE PERSONS EASIEST TO REMEMBER. TO PRAY FOR OUR DEAR ONES IS A "SWEET OBLIGATION."

2.) THE NEXT FINGER IS THE INDEX. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TEACH YOU, INSTRUCT YOU AND HEAL YOU. THEY NEED THE SUPPORT AND WISDOM TO SHOW DIRECTION TO OTHERS. ALWAYS KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

3.) THE FOLLOWING FINGER IS THE TALLEST. IT REMINDS US OF OUR LEADERS, THE GOVERNORS AND THOSE WHO HAVE AUTHORITY. THEY NEED GOD'S GUIDANCE.

4.) THE FOURTH FINGER IS THE RING FINGER. EVEN THAT IT MAY SURPRISE YOU, IT IS OUR WEAKEST FINGER. IT SHOULD REMIND US TO PRAY FOR THE WEAKEST, THE SICK OR THOSE PLAGUED BY PROBLEMS. THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS.



5.) AND FINALLY WE HAVE OUR SMALLEST FINGER, THE SMALLEST OF ALL. YOUR PINKIE SHOULD REMIND YOU TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF. WHEN YOU ARE DONE PRAYING FOR THE OTHER FOUR GROUPS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR OWN NEEDS BUT IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE, AND ALSO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRAY FOR YOUR OWN NEEDS IN A BETTER WAY.

Have You Ever Wondered Why?



Question:

Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

Answer:

Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” — we read: “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God are called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist” (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the “Book of the Gospels” after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the “living stone” (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the “household of faith” (see Galatians 6:10). ©LPi

SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE



The collection for the Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe 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.

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

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

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WEST- ERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK In re Diocese of Rochester Case No. 19-20905

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On September 12, 2019, the Diocese of Rochester ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Bankruptcy Court has established August 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date"). If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date. Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/rochesterdiocese> or call (855) 347-3773 for more information on how to file your proof of claim. **IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS MADE TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEBTOR'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.**

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

See, your king shall come to you;
a just savior is he,
meek, and riding on an ass,
on a colt, the foal of an ass. (Zec 9:9b)

PSALM:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
(Ps 145) or Alleluia

SECOND READING:

For if you live according to the flesh, you will die,
but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,
you will live. (Rom 8:13)

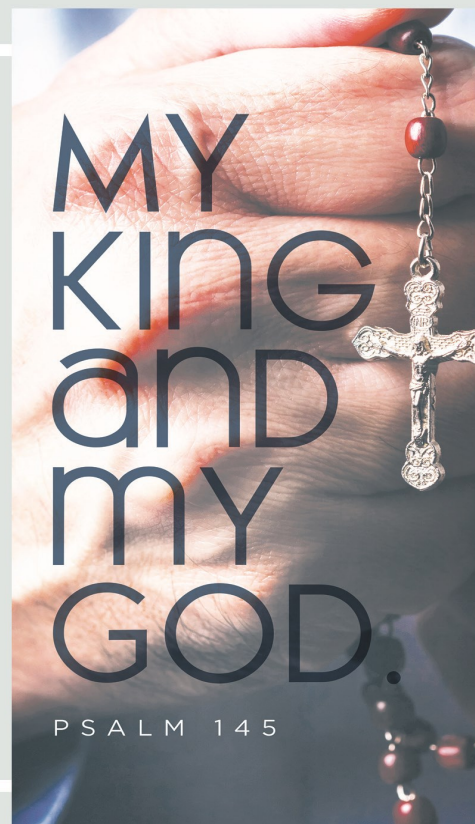
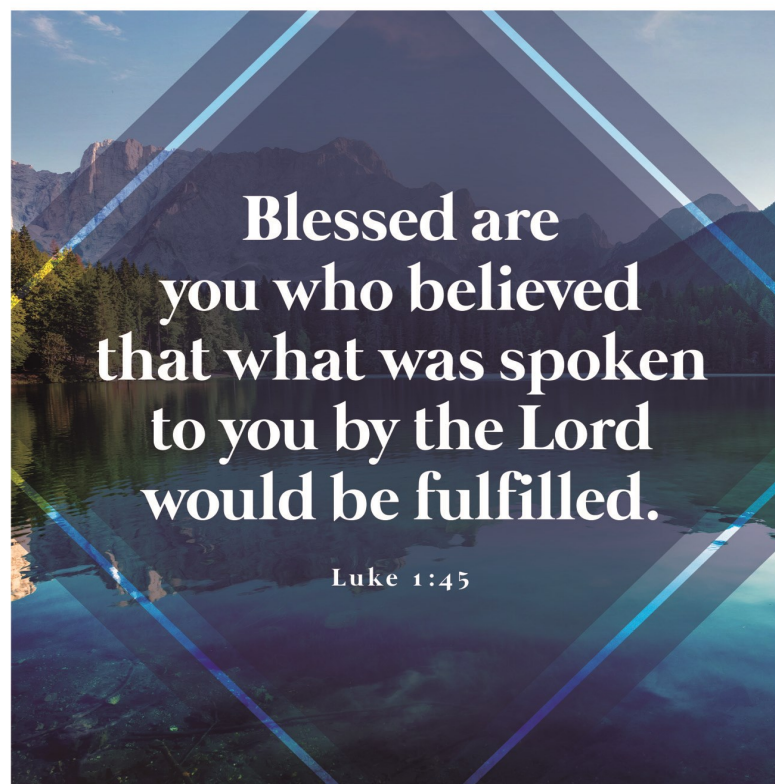
GOSPEL:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:28)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Benedict, Abbot
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Zechariah envisioned a future king for the people of Israel who would rule the nations with justice and humility. How do you see these virtues as a strength in leadership?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of the promise of the resurrection from the dead for believers who reject the flesh and live according to the Spirit. What spiritual exercises do you practice that help reject the flesh?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus praises his Father for the irony of the wise and learned who are unable to see what is revealed to the childlike. What does this tell us about the kingdom of heaven?