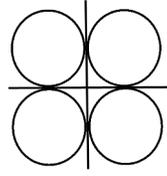


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**June 14, 2020 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

## 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.



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BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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## Stay Connected!

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

- Watch Sunday Mass
- Sign up to attend Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- Read the weekly bulletin
- Donate online
- Contact a staff member
- Read reopening guidelines



## Parish Staff



**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau  
**Deacon:** Mark Robbins  
**Confirmation Prep. Coordinator:** Bonnie Serio x27  
**Religious Ed. & Youth Coordinator:** Sue Ward 671-2110  
**Business Manager:** Robin Martz x30  
**Rectory Housekeeper:** Helen Stirpe  
**Maintenance Coordinator:** Ben O'Brien  
**Administrative Asst.:** Jodie Hickey x21  
**Finance Council Chair:** Tom Napoli  
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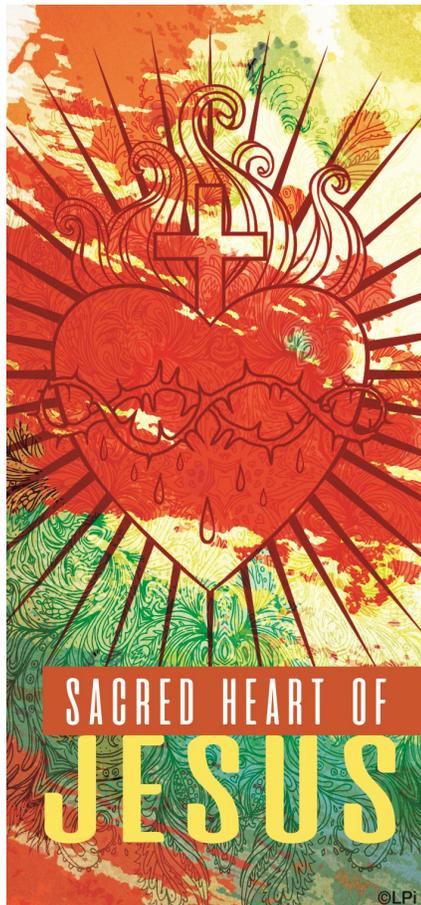
The staff is working remotely when possible. The best way to get a hold of us is via our email addresses above. If you cannot send an email and would prefer to call the office please do so and leave a message for Jodie x21 and she will forward the message along to the staff member you are trying to reach.

**Phone:** 671- 2100  
**Emergency Number:** 369-9687  
**Website:** [www.stpaulsrcc.org](http://www.stpaulsrcc.org)  
**Diocese of Rochester:** [www.dor.org](http://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

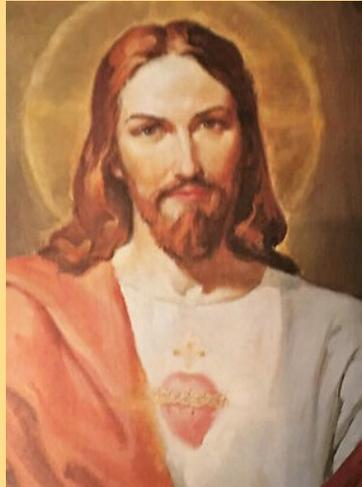


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Zach Bartlett	Sean Black
Bryan Gross	Andrew O'Brien
Tom Weisenreder	Cydney Blong
Mason Serrano	Michael J. Desiato
Andrew Zani	Daniel Thomas
Jay Riesenberger	

This week the  
 Sanctuary Lamp burns  
 for  
 Mary Jean McFarland  
 From  
 The Morning Mass  
 Group

# Seeds for the Journey

## *Antidote to the Pandemic of Hatred: The Sacred Heart of Jesus*



As we entered the month of June, we found ourselves embroiled in battles on two fronts: the pandemic of COVID-19 and the pandemic of hatred. The former seeks to destroy the body and the latter, the soul. Fortunately—because it comes just in time—the month of June is also the month dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and we will celebrate this Feast on Friday, June 19 (it is a moveable Feast).

The devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus involves a set of practices as well as a consistent interior consecration of one's entire being and life to becoming and expressing the love, humility, mercy, and gentleness by which we know and love the Heart of Jesus, who first loved us. It is a fervent, mutual love that, by its very nature, compels us to fervently love our sisters and brothers and to be their keepers. This love is both the therapy and the vaccine for hatred.

While we hide out and wait and hope for a medical antidote to COVID-19, the antidote to hatred has always been with us, is with us now, and will always be with us—Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8)—and is so easily accessible. We can legislate and formulate policies to counteract and suppress the hatred that people express toward one another (and we should), but unless there is also a true conversion of the heart, hatred will rupture and spill its poison again and again. If we are open to it, the global protests we're experiencing can be a call to unite our hearts to Christ in genuine, self-sacrificial love for one another—to love as he first loved us. We have seen this love, actually, in the sacrifices made by medical personnel and first responders during the COVID-19 pandemic. There really is no other permanent way to arrest hatred in all its myriad expressions, but by this kind of love.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus...pray for us.

*Sue*

## Giving Options

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



Try the

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to 833-931-1892



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

## Question and Answer Praying to the Saints

### Question:

Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

### Answer:

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in "the communion of saints." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

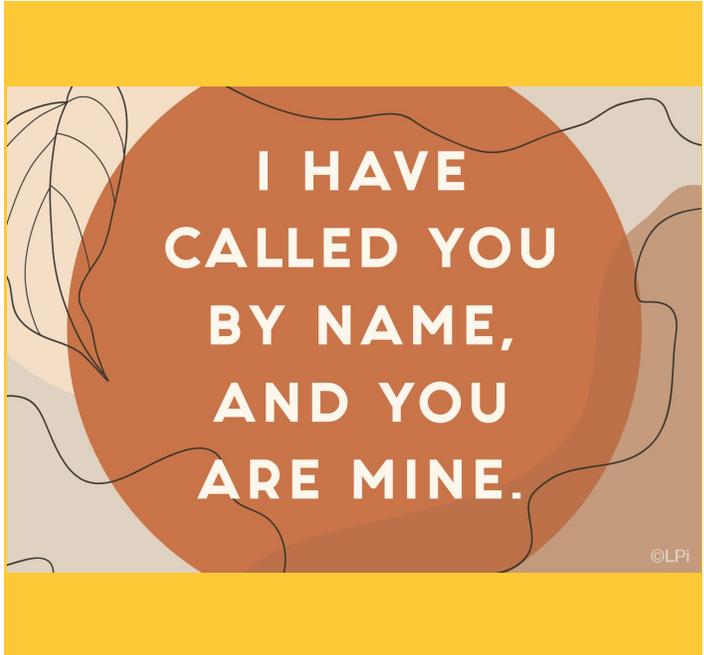
When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

love  
is the key that opens the heart

hope  
is the dream that awakens the soul

peace  
is the light that guides the way

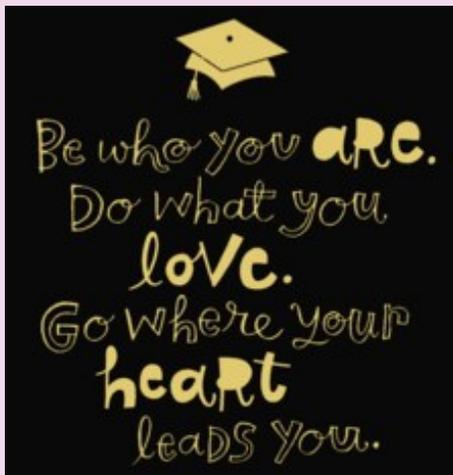
faith  
is the certainty that sees us through



### Congratulations Graduates



Join us (in person or via live stream) as we honor St. Paul's 2020 graduates with a special blessing during Mass on Sunday, June 21st during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We are so proud of all of their accomplishments and offer our prayers and well wishes to their future endeavors.



### 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

### 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:

"Not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD." (Dt 8:3b)

### PSALM:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (Ps 147) or Alleluia

### SECOND READING:

Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:17)

### GOSPEL:

"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (Jn 6:55-56)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2020

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Flag Day  
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; World Refugee Day  
Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Moses reminds the Israelites of how God's miraculous gifts of manna (bread) and water (early images of the Eucharist) helped them through their trials and tribulations. How would you explain to a friend how the Eucharist sustains you through difficult times?

### SECOND READING

Paul spoke of how the believers in Corinth celebrating the Eucharist were engaged in an act of "participation" in the Body and Blood of Christ. How do you imagine the Corinthians reacting to this description?

### GOSPEL READING

We hear in today's Gospel the closing remarks from Jesus' Bread of Life discourse. As a Christian who believes in the Eucharist, how would you answer the Jews' original question: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"