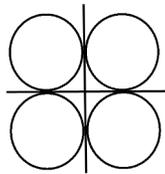


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

June 28, 2020 Thirteenth 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.



13th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“And whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” - Mt 10:38

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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 guidelines for attending Mass



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
 Ken Heim
 From
 Wife, Betty

Seeds for the Journey

I recently came across this article on discernment that I think is particularly relevant in this time of social unrest. The author, Marina McCoy, is specifically addressing injustice in society and how discernment using Ignatian techniques can help us respond in the proper way. What I am sharing here are eight things the author has learned about discernment in response to injustice from her experience. I have edited these to fit our space.

- 1. We are called to speak up about injustice and to challenge with love.** Jesus often spoke in ways that challenged others, and when he did so, he did so with love for the other. How do I make sure that when I challenge others, I do so with love for all?
- 2. Challenge begins with me and my own patterns of behavior.** I know that in matters of wider systematic problems, I must begin with myself and challenge myself to be critical of my own beliefs and patterns of action.
- 3. Christ is our model and friend as we discern.** Jesus lived a life that was fully and authentically human. Through reading Scripture and engaging in prayerful conversation with Jesus, we can decide not to act alone, but rather in cooperation with what the Lord asks of us. We have a friend who accompanies us.
- 4. We need others to discern well.** I may have my ideas of what a good response might look like or have a sense in prayer about what to do, but my response will be better if I consult with others who have knowledge and expertise. Speaking with mentors or trusted friends can help me to see problems and solutions more clearly.
- 5. Ground discernment in love, not fear.** Anger and sadness are legitimate and even healthy responses when we hear of injustice. However, our decisions will be stronger when we act out of consolation and love, rather than from anger or fear. If I can hold in love the people who are suffering and work out of care for others, rather than out of a need simply to release my own anger, I will make better choices.
- 6. Allow the process of discernment some time.** One way to approach discernment when the steps are not clear is to imagine possible courses of action and to pay attention to those actions that produce a sense of consolation (freedom, generosity, peace, and love). Where am I going to be the most generous and most authentically myself? Or I might simply lay out the main options and weigh the pros and cons. What kinds of concrete steps might I take? Which ones use my gifts and talents well and bring me to be a person of greater love?
- 7. Identify what companions are present in my community.** In the spirit of Ignatius, who was part of a larger Society of companions, we consider how we as a whole can work together, using each of our gifts and talents in order to work cooperatively for the common good. I am invited not only to consider my own talents, but also to identify others who are good in different areas and invite them into the process.
- 8. Discernment does not have to be perfect to be good.** In our responses to injustice, as in other areas of life, we do not have to be perfect to be helpful. God draws straight with crooked lines, and God understands that we are all still growing and learning. If I can let go of the need to "figure it all out" and instead trust that God will creatively make use of whatever I offer, then I am freer in service to my fellow human beings.

The full article "**Discernment in Times of Injustice**," can be found at, the website below:
<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/discernment-in-times-of-injustice/>

Deacon Mark

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Everyday Stewardship—Recognize God in Your Ordinary Movements

God Is Love

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one's faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his fiancé and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, "If you don't love Jesus more than you love me, this is never going to work." What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to us. We speak of wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs: the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself — he shared the very One who created love.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Holiday Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day. Have a happy & safe holiday weekend.

Bethany House Reopens After Shutdown



Bethany House is looking for volunteers to help staff the daily Food Pantry and assist with tasks around the house. We need 3 individuals daily between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to staff the Food Pantry. We are following the direction of Food Link, so currently we are preparing bags of food and meeting individuals at the door. We provide masks and gloves for volunteers, clean the area daily and do a daily COVID-19 check. We are also looking for teams of individuals to prepare weekday meals for the guests (usually somewhere between 7 and 10). Finally, we are hoping to restart our Wednesday prayer service and community meals. For this we need several volunteers to prepare the meals and one or two individuals to lead the prayer. If you are interested or need additional information, please contact Sr. Karen Dietz at karen@bethanyhouserocny.org or 454-4197.



Peter's Pence Collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

**PRAYER
IS THE BRIDGE
BETWEEN PANIC
AND PEACE.**

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:

Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kg 4:16a)

PSALM:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

SECOND READING:

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus. (Rom 6:11)

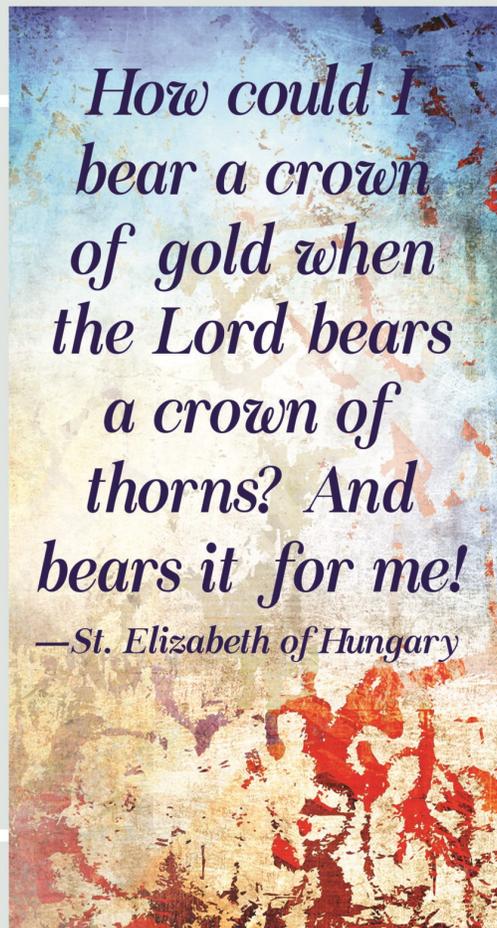
GOSPEL:

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Mt 10:38)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2020

- Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
- Tuesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
- Wednesday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest
- Friday: St. Thomas, Apostle
- Saturday: Independence Day
- Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day



REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear how the prophet Elisha and his servant Gehazi repaid the Shunammite woman for her generous hospitality. When have you shown excessive generosity to another?

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Roman Christians that through Baptism, believers fully participate in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. How should this reality impact one's day-to-day living?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus continues to teach his followers the challenges of discipleship. What do you find most challenging in following Christ?