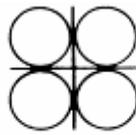


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

March 1, 2020 First Sunday of Lent

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.

BREAD

“One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes
forth from the mouth of God.”

MATTHEW 4:4

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MARCH 1ST FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

MARCH 8TH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

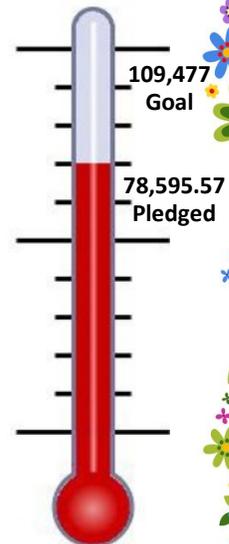
First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

CMA Update As of February 25, 2020

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



71.79%
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

Saturday, February 29

Saturday after Ash Wednesday
2nd Collection: Black, Native Amer. & Hispanic
 12:00P Confirmation Prep Yr. 2 Retreat
 3:00P Individual Confession
 4:00P Mass

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday of Lent
2nd Collection: Black, Native Amer. & Hispanic
No Youth Group
No Confirmation Prep (optional service day at St. Ann's)
 9:00A Mass-CLOW
 Coffee & Donuts
 10:00A SOAR
 11:00A Mass-CLOW
 Coffee & Donuts

Monday, March 2
Lenten Weekday

8:00A Rosary
 8:30A Mass
 4:30P SOAR

Tuesday, March 3
Lenten Weekday

8:00A Rosary
 8:30A Mass
 9:15A Coffee & Catholicism

Wednesday, March 4
Lenten Weekday

8:00A Rosary
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5
Lenten Weekday

8:00A Rosary
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Vac Pac

Friday, March 6
Lenten Weekday

Abstinence
St. Peter's Soup Kitchen
 8:00A Rosary
 8:30A Communion Service

Saturday, March 7
Lenten Weekday

9:30A Prayer Shawl
 3:00P Individual Confession
 4:00P Mass

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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 donations 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

	January-2020	July 2019- January 2020
Weekly Collections	\$41,383 *	\$325,438
Donations / Other Revenue	\$4,062	\$39,367
Expenses	\$(60,056)	\$(373,032)
Operating surplus (deficit)	\$(14,611)	(\$8,227)

Average Weekly Mass Attendance 485 481

*YTD collections include Christmas collections of \$16,938
 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	Josh Bartlett
Zach Bartlett	Sean Black
Bryan Gross	Shawn Reidy
Tom Weisenreder	Andrew O'Brien
Mason Serrano	Cydney Blong
Andrew Zani	Michael J. Desiato
Jay Riesenberger	Daniel Thomas

This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns
 for
 Alex Sorocdty
 From
 The Morning Mass
 Group

Seeds for the Journey

As we continue with Lenten season, the readings this weekend remind us that we are human beings created by God. But like Adam and Eve, it is very easy for us to fall into the temptation of wanting to be like God and be in charge of our lives thinking we will have happiness. Lenten practices of **prayer**, **fasting** and **almsgiving** help us to put God first in our lives. Jesus gives us a good example of how to do just that as He is confronted with three temptations by the devil. In all temptations to hunger, power and wealth, we are to remember that God, our Creator, comes first. Unfortunately the devil always tempts us with things that appear to bring us satisfaction and happiness.

Yuval Noah Harari in his book *Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow* says that human beings unfortunately are not built for satisfaction but happiness. Human being's happiness depends on expectation and the problem with the expectation is that it keeps shifting. It shifts according to various conditions. Hence the equation: **Happiness=Reality-Expectation**. Happiness depends on expectations rather than objective conditions. We don't become satisfied by leading a peaceful and prosperous existence. Rather, we become satisfied when reality matches our expectations. The bad news is that as conditions improve, expectations balloon. Dramatic improvements in conditions, as humankind has experienced in recent decades, translate into greater expectations rather than greater contentment. If we don't do something about this, our further achievements too might leave us as dissatisfied as ever.

God placed in our hearts an infinite desire for happiness that nothing only God Himself can satisfy. All earthly things and achievements give us only a foretaste of everlasting happiness. At the beginning of his Apostolic Exhortation on the joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis gives us a clear picture of the difference between living for the passing pleasures of today's consumeristic world, and living for the lasting joy that comes from loving God and neighbor. The Holy Father says, "Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor" (Evangelii Gaudium, #2).

Let us therefore love and help others especially the poor and live for God because that is the sure road to true and eternal happiness. As we struggle in the weeks ahead to put God first, we are not alone; our Lord is with us offering us graces to help us. May we face this Lenten season with the courage and strength from Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Father Paul

Second Collection

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Black, Native American and Hispanic.

The generosity of the good people of God allows the Commission to give helpful grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Catholic communities. Thank you for your support.



Easter Flowers

An Easter Flower envelope has been included in the March/April envelope packet. They are also available at the church entrances. The flower memorials will be included in the Easter bulletin.

We will use the parishioner info from the front of the envelope to note who the memorial is from, so if you want something different listed, please write that as well.

You can also use our web site request an Easter Flower memorial. Use the "Donate" link. On the processing page there will be a text box to enter who you wish the flowers to be in memory or honor of. Please note there is a 50 character limit, if you can't fit everyone in please call or email us and we can adjust.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's". You may send it in any time, with a deadline of Monday, March 30 to be included in the bulletin. If you have any questions please call Jodie or Robin at 671-2100 or by email jodie.hickey@dor.org or robin.martz@dor.org.

Health Ministry

We live in a very fast-paced world. People are constantly moving from place to place. It is very easy to get to foreign lands on the other side of the world. This easy access to all parts of the world brings with it some serious risks, such as exposure to illness. Every day on the news we hear about things like the Corona virus that started in China and is now spreading to other parts of the world. People are concerned for their safety and wellbeing now more than ever before.

Our world today is very different from the world in which Jesus lived. However, we can maintain our safety and wellbeing by practicing some basic principles from the past. In the time of Jesus, when a person was sick, they were isolated from the rest of the community to prevent the spread of the disease. Today, when we are sick the best thing to do is to stay away from other people. If you have a fever or a cough, stay home.

The frenzied pace at which we are moving through life has us looking for shortcuts for everything, including preventing the spread of germs. Hand sanitizers are everywhere, and marketing has done a great job of convincing us that these products help prevent the spread of germs. The reality is that hand sanitizers are only effective at killing or stopping the spread of germs if they contain greater than 60 percent alcohol. The Center for Disease Control tells us that the single most-effective way to stop the spread of germs is handwashing for 20 seconds with warm water and soap.

As children of God we should be concerned with the wellbeing of all of God's children. We should use whatever means available to us to ensure that wellbeing, including these most basic strategies for preventing the spread of disease.

Here's to your good health!
Tracy L. Maier, D.O.

Hunger in Our World



When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit csrcicebowl.org for more information.



**Parish Families
Save the Date!
Thursday, March 19
5:30-7: 45 p.m.**

St. Joseph's table Celebration and Mass
Sponsored by the Faith Formation Ministries
Details in next week's bulletin

Have You Read...

Guardini, Romano
Jesus Christus

Rejected by the religious and civil authorities in Jerusalem, Jesus suffered and died on the cross but rose from the dead to eternal life. The sacred mystery of His death and resurrection is the focal point of this book. Consisting of thirteen meditations, Father Guardini unites a biblical view of Christ and a contemporary account of His personhood. Guardini, a renowned 20th century theologian, gives us the portrait of Jesus as found in the gospel of St. John. During His earthly life, Jesus Christ passed among us revealing God's love for all people and saving us by paying the price for our sins. On the other hand, to be a person is to be a unique subject, an "I" we can increasingly understand but never fully fathom. Jesus is the divine person from whom human beings receive the strength to become the persons God envisions each of them to be. (Call No. 232-GUA)



Join us for one or both of our Lenten potluck soup suppers. Bring the whole family for a simple meal of soup and bread on **Thursdays, March 12th & 26th from 5:45-6:45 p.m.** in the **parish hall**. You are also welcome to join us at 7 p.m. in rooms 7 & 8 after each Soup Supper for adult faith enrichment programs. There's no charge...just bring a pot of your favorite soup to share! (Campbell's is always welcome—and we always have macaroni and cheese for the kids!) Just sign up on one of the bulletin boards.

Adult Faith Enrichment
The Life of Eva Mozes Kor

At 7 p.m. after the Soup Supper, join us in rooms 7 & 8 for a documentary on the life of Eva Mozes Kor. At the age of 10, Eva and her sister fought through the horrors of Auschwitz and the cruel twin experiments of Dr. Mengele. After decades of torment, she eventually came to forgive the Nazis and became an extraordinary witness and advocate for the healing power of forgiveness. She shows us that hardship and tragedy can be overcome and forgiveness can help us heal. (90 minutes – appropriate for ages 16 and up)



For the Children

Gantos, Jack
Dead End in Norvelt

Part fiction, part autobiography. Award-winning author, Jack Gantos writes about the summer in his hometown of Norvelt, Pennsylvania. That's the summer when he was grounded. This story starts out with a bang and continues with surprise after surprise – many are laugh-out-loud funny. Read Jack's story and you will enjoy getting to know him, his feuding parents, and the quirky people in this little town. A fascinating read. Dead End in Norvelt won the Newbery Award; it's that good. J FIC GAN Grades 5-8



Library News

Need a spiritual boost for your Lenten journey? Stop in the library and browse the display of books and videos for Lent and Easter. There are selections for all ages. Check it out!

First Eucharist Workshop Date Change

The date for our First Eucharist Workshop has been moved to Saturday, March 14th. The workshop will begin in the church at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 11:15 a.m. All First Communicants are expected to be in attendance, along with at least one adult. If this date change poses a hardship for anyone, please contact Sue Ward at 671-2110.

We ask the parish community to please hold these children in your hearts and prayers as they prepare for the reception of the Sacrament through their studies and prayer life.

Day of Prayer at Notre Dame Retreat House
March 23, 2020

The theme for this year's Day of Prayer is "Blessed Mother and the Feast of the Annunciation." Fr. Bill Leone from St. Jerome Parish in East Rochester will be the presenter. Fr. Bill has been a priest since 1974 and is a retired military chaplain and veteran of the Army.

The conference is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by lunch, free time, confessions and the day will conclude with Mass at 2:00 p.m. The fee is \$25 per person. Please register by calling 394-5700 or via email at ndretreat@rochester.rr.com.

Ministry Schedule for March 7 & 8, 2020

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	T.J. Swinson Alyssa Bower	Nicola Bleier Massimo Picca	Lucy Rynkiewicz Gianna Fullone
Ushers	Arnie Read Chris Strait	Herb Gauch Neil Rojek	Charlie & Nancy Carson
Sacristans	Janet Trippe	The Turner Family	The Barr Family
Lectors Commentators	Margie Richardson Barb Robbins	Mary Catherine Zona Mike Lyons	Melanie Mancuso Gene Mancuso
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bill Polito Lauren Polito Kevin Nuwer Karen Napoli Christine Grant Bob Frank	Marianne Ferrara Allan Schichtel Sandy Doehler Bill Galbraith Beth Koopman George Lejniaks	Fred Compertore Joanne Mattiucci Jim Mattiucci Janet Slusar Rose Riefer Michele Cheeseman
Greeters	Janet Trippe Volunteers Needed	Anne LaClair Rose Riefer Barb Rehberg	The Pumputis Family Volunteer Needed
Linens	Jeri Reidy		

**Music for February 29 & March 1
First Sunday of Lent**



From Ashes To The Living Font (*St. Flavian*).....No. 474
 Jerusalem, My Destiny (*Cooney-1990*).....No. 492
 Tree Of Life (*Haugen-1984*).....No. 475
 Silent Dismissal

Readings: No. 1016
 Psalm 51: Be Merciful O Lord For We Have Sinned.....
No. 1016



**Attention Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion**

There are copies of the spring schedule 2020 schedule in the manila pocket folder hanging on the liturgy board outside of the Music Room.

For any problems with the schedule, please email Fred Compertore at portbay25@gmail.com. Thank you!

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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, victimsassistance@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