ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



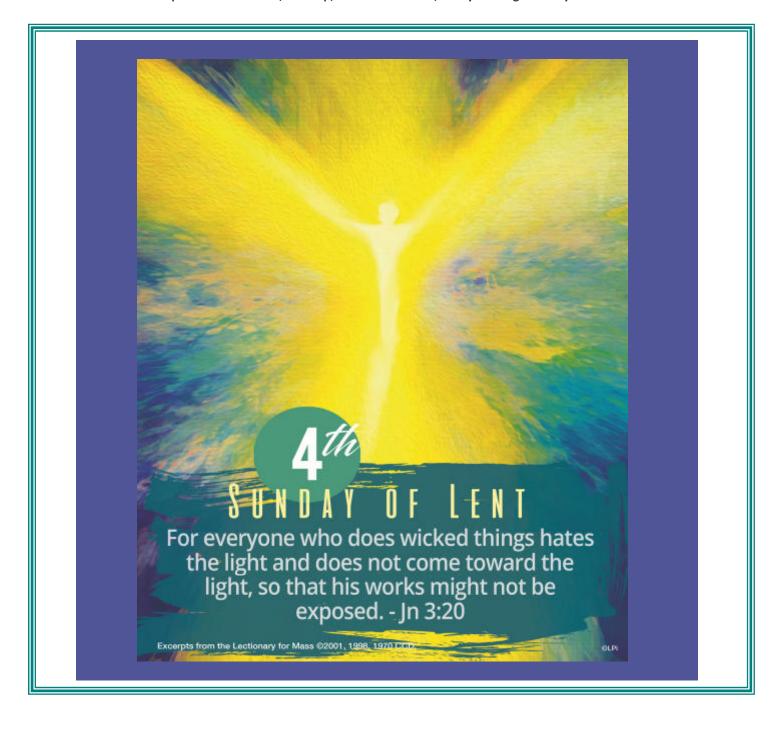


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

March 14, 2021 Fourth 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.



Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Confession

Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m. or by appointment

Weekday Masses

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, 10:00 a.m.
Visit our website, stpaulsrcc.org for
the YouTube link

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, March 15 Lenten Weekday 7:00P Zoom Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.

Tuesday, March 16 Lenten Weekday 8:30A Mass

Wednesday, March 17
Lenten Weekday
St. Patrick's Day
8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

Thursday, March 18
Lenten Weekday
8:30A Mass
7:00P Gospel of John Study
Group via Zoom

Saturday, March 20 Lenten Weekday 2:00-3:00P Individual confession 4:00P Mass

Sunday, March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent 10:00A Mass

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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 | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| | February 2021 | July 2020-February 2021 |
| Collections | \$33,842 | \$338,473 |
| Donations/ other revenue | \$10,396 | \$37,183 |
| Expenses | \$40,794 | \$371,591 |
| Operating surplus/deficit | \$3,444 | \$4,065 |

Expenses include quarterly invoices paid in July, October & January. 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 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
Don Schindler &
Bud Straube
From
Joe Rieger

Seeds for the Journey

Spring Office Update

One week until spring and there is much to report! Easter preparations are progressing. There will be some changes due to Covid restrictions but at least we will be open (unlike last year.) Beginning March 22, sign-ups will begin for the Saturday Easter Vigil (8:00 PM) as well as two masses on Easter Sunday (8:00 AM and 10:00 AM). We ask that you please sign up if you think you may attend as it makes it much easier for Helen and our ushers to seat everyone quickly and safely.

Sign-ups will not be done for Holy Thursday or Good Friday liturgies. Thanks to our Stream Team, the Easter Vigil and Easter morning masses will be streamed on YouTube so if you are not able to attend you may still participate! The link is on our web site at stpaulsrcc.org. (Check our web site to see if any of the other Holy Week services may also be streamed.)

As more of us become eligible to receive the Covid vaccine, please remember that many have not and are still at risk. We are continuing to follow CDC guidelines for best practices which include masks, social distancing and sanitizing. We cannot control what other businesses do and are trying to do our best to keep everyone safe.

Our roof leak has been temporarily patched and we are watching to make sure additional leaks don't occur. A full repair is not possible until the roof is clear and the temperature stabilizes. The ceiling panel has dried out and is not crumbling any more so section A has been reopened. We will keep you updated.

We have booked and are tentatively planning our Sixth Annual Chicken BBQ in June! There are logistical considerations — the serving staff cannot be elbow to elbow in the stuffy basement anymore (too bad) and ticket sales would all be pre-sale - online or through the mail with a drive through pick up. As a fundraiser it likely would not make much money but it would be fun and the chicken is outstanding!

A big thank you to the group of parishioners who are challenging us with a matching donation for the CMA Shortage. Hopefully we can do it! More info on the Challenge is in this bulletin and on our web site. Contact me if you have any questions. Thank you!



Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services

This weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and help Jesus in disguise!

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

Good Sam Outreach Lenten Food Drive



The following items will be collected on March 20/21 for St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

- Canned meat (tuna, chicken, ham)
- Canned vegetables & fruit
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Canned pork & beans
- Canned stew, chili, hearty soups
- Pasta

Please drop your donations off in bags before Mass at the Food Drive area in the Narthex. If you are not attending in person on the weekend, the Narthex doors are also open Tuesday and Thursdays from 8:00 to 8:30 am (prior to morning Mass) and 9:00 to 9:30 am (after Mass).

Next weekend is our last collection for the Lenten Food Drive. Thank you for your generous response!

Operation Rice Bowl Trying New Foods in Timor-Leste

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit St. Paul's website stpaulsrcc.org to learn more about Operation Rice Bowl.



Holy Week 2021

Chrism Mass

Sacred Heart Cathedral Tuesday, March 30 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday

April 1 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 2 Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

April 3
Blessing of Food for Easter - 11:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 4 Mass - 8:00 a.m. Mass - 10:00 a.m.

Please watch our bulletin and website for schedule updates

Easter Flowers



An Easter Flower envelope has been included in the March/April envelope packet. 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 may also request an Easter Flower memorial through our web site, through the link on the front page. On the processing page there will be a text box to enter who you wish the flowers to be in memory/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 22** 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.

Good Sam Outreach Winter Clothing Appeal

"Whoever possesses the goods of this world, and sees his brother to be in need, and yet closes his heart to him: in what way does the love of God abide in him?" 1 John 3:17

On behalf of the needy in our area, Good Sam Outreach thanks you very much for your donations. This week we passed them along to the Come-Unity Center in Williamson. Included were more than:

- 8 jackets and coats (including 1 child's jacket)
- 2 pairs of boots
- 5 snow/ski pants (including 4 pair for children)
- 9 hats and caps
- 20 pairs of gloves (including 12 children's gloves and mittens)

The centers you support desperately need warm winter clothing, especially **children's** coats, boots, gloves, and hats. Can you help a child who treks through snow, slush and water with only a pair of sneakers and a light jacket?

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. (2 Chr 36:19)

DSALM:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

SECOND READING:

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)

GOSPEL:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

Wednesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day

Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

REFLECT

FIRST READING

The author of 2 Chronicles reflects on how historically God's fidelity and mercy was often met with Israel's disobedience and arrogance. How does the Lenten journey provoke an examination of conscience for you and your faith life?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of our faith and our salvation as "the gift of God" to us. In what ways do you show appreciation for God's grace?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God sent His only Son into the world to offer eternal life to believers. Who in your life needs to hear this message?

Giving Options-Thank You!

Go to our web site (stpaulsrcc.org) and click on the **DONATE** link.

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Deborah Housel

585-328-3228 x1555 Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177 x 1555 Or by email, victimsassistance@dor.org

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Reports may also be made in writing to: Internal Audit Department—Diocese of Rochester 1150 Buffalo Road—Rochester, NY 14624



CMA Shortage Challenge

As of March 1, we are still behind our CMA goal by \$45,000. However, we have exciting news: a group of parishioners have offered a challenge to help us meet our goal without using our savings.

They will match, dollar for dollar, all CMA Shortage donations between March 1 and April 30, up to \$20,000!

If you give \$100, it will be matched by \$100, yielding a \$200 donation. If the challenge is successful we will have raised \$40,000 and nearly meet our goal! We are very grateful to this group for stepping up and pray that the challenge will be successful.

If you are able, please consider helping us meet this wonderful challenge by mailing your donation to the parish (checks payable to "St. Paul's" and note "CMA Shortage" in the memo line) or online through our web site. Thank you!

Please check our website for updates on how the Challenge is going.

Because not everyone reads the bulletin or our web site, we are mailing letters with the details of the Challenge. If you receive one after you have donated, please disregard.

If you have any questions, please contact Robin in the office at 672-2100 Ext 30. Thank you!





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