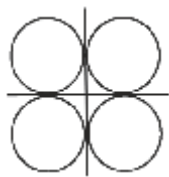


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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 MassesMonday, 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**Parish Staff****Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau**Deacon:** Mark Robbins**Coordinator of Music:** Tom McGary x31**Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep Coordinator:****Business Manager:** Robin Martz x30**Facility Cleaning Coordinator:** Helen Stirpe**Maintenance Coordinator:** Ben O'Brien**Administrative Asst.:** Jodie Hickey x21**Finance Council Chair:** Tom Napoli**Parish Council Chair:** Scott Rutan**Parish Trustees:** Deb Urtz-Gleason & Dave Galeazzo**Multi Parish Finance Director:** Joan Sullivan: 671-1100 x21 joan.sullivan@dor.orgfr.paul.gitau@dor.orgmark.robbins@dor.orgthomas.mcgary@dor.org

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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.

Upcoming Events**Monday, March 29****Monday of Holy Week**

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, March 30**Tuesday of Holy Week**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 31**Wednesday of Holy Week**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament**Thursday, April 1****Thursday of Holy Week****(Holy Thursday)****Parish office closed at Noon**

7:00P Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2**Friday of the Passion of the****Lord (Good Friday)****Parish office closed**3:00P Commemoration of the
Lord's Passion**Saturday, April 3****Holy Saturday**

11:00A Blessing of food

8:00P Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4**Easter Sunday of the****Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00A Mass

10:00A Mass

**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
Frank Saeva
From
Irene

Seeds for the Journey

What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time the reality of the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic was just beginning to take hold as positive cases and the number of deaths continued to rise. In response, Monroe County declared a state of emergency while the Diocese of Rochester suspended all Masses, including Easter, along with other diocesan and parish activities. At the same time, businesses and schools closed, social events were canceled, and major sporting events were either canceled or suspended. Moreover, as the country shut down, the economy retracted, while the stock market crashed to levels not seen in many years. Within a few short weeks life as we knew it changed dramatically; we experienced shortages of food and hygiene items, long lines at grocery stores, the loss of jobs, the death of loved ones, isolation from family members and friends, and hand washing, masks, and social distancing became the norm.

Today, Palm Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. Last year at this time parishioners celebrated Holy Week via live streaming on Facebook, while Fr Paul and I celebrated Masses in a church full of empty seats. This year, however, we look forward to celebrating Holy Week, especially the Easter Triduum, in a church filled with parishioners. Yes, there will still be certain safety restrictions employed such as masks and social distancing, the elimination of the foot washing rite on Holy Thursday, and the absence of an open fire at the Easter Vigil Mass, but we still intend to celebrate Holy Week following liturgical norms as much as possible. This includes the presentation and blessing of the Sacred Oils and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday, a non-contact veneration of the cross on Good Friday, the blessing and procession of the Paschal Candle at the Easter Vigil, and the renewal of baptismal vows and the sprinkling rite at all Easter Masses, including 8:00 and 10:00 A.M. Sunday morning. We invite everyone to sign-up on-line and join us.

Last year we began Holy Week with a great deal of fear, anxiety, and uncertainty as the pandemic raged unchecked all around us. This year there are signs of hope, and light, and life as the pandemic appears to be abating, people are returning to work, positive cases and deaths continue to decline, and millions of people are being vaccinated every day. While we still need to be vigilant, wear masks, and employ safety protocols, our celebration of the Paschal mystery this week brings with it the hope that we will soon rise from the darkness of the past year to a newness of life.

But even as we look forward to rising from the ashes of the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to keep in mind that there are millions of people around the world whose lives are still dramatically impacted by the COVID virus. Many developing countries lack the infrastructure to provide food, hygiene supplies, and medical care (including vaccinations) to infected populations. As we reflect this week on how Jesus emptied himself for our sake, perhaps we can also reflect on how we can empty ourselves for the sake of others. One way we can help others is through CRS Rice Bowl. Your contributions to Rice Bowl will make a difference in the lives of 159 million people in over 100 countries, including millions still suffering from the coronavirus pandemic.

As we come to the end of our Lenten journey you may be wondering what to do with your Rice Bowl. This year, due to safety concerns, we ask you **not** to return your Rice Bowls to church. Instead, we ask you to count the money in the Rice Bowl and either 1) write a check for that amount and place it in the envelope provided with the Rice Bowl and return the envelope to church, or 2) take advantage of the options available to pay online by going to our website at www.stpaulsrcc.org. You can also pay directly at www.crsricebowl.org. On behalf of CRS I want to thank you for your support and your continued willingness to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters around the world.

As we begin our celebration of Holy Week, may the Lord give us the strength to “stay awake” and pray with Jesus that the mystery of His dying and rising may become more deeply rooted in our lives.

Deacon Mark

Operation Rice Bowl

This has been an unusual year with "safer" ways of doing things and Rice Bowl is no different!

With the office still closed to visitors, is it difficult to manage large amount of coins that are usually collected. So we are asking you to please convert any coins to check or cash. An envelope was included for this in the Rice Bowl box. Please make your check payable to "St Paul's Church" and note "Rice Bowl" in the memo line. You may either mail it in or drop it in the collection. You may also donate your Rice Bowl alms through our web site. The link is on the front page.

Thank you for your patience with this temporary change. If you have any questions please contact Robin in the office.

Thank you for joining the fight to end hunger and malnutrition throughout the world.

Holy Week Prayer Opportunities:

Monday, March 29th, Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 30th, Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 31st, Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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.

Palm Distribution

If you would like extra palms or are unable to join us for mass, blessed palms will be available on Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass and the week following (weather permitting). They will be available outside the Narthex doors.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Fridays Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

If you wish to support this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's adding "Pontifical Good Friday Collection" in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot. Thank you for your support.

St. Paul's Mass Schedule (effective April 4, 2021)

As we slowly emerge from the restrictions of the pandemic, we are adding the second Sunday Mass and the weekday Monday mass back to our schedule. This new schedule will begin on Easter Sunday with the mass times being at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., which will then continue going forward. Daily mass will be held the next morning, Monday, April 5.

Weekday Mass:

Monday-Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Individual Confession:

Saturday from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Mass:

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



Trinity Council 4618 is Moving

After over 40 wonderful years as the center of the charitable and social activities for Trinity Council #4618, the Knights have sold their facility on Barrett Drive and are returning to where the council was initially located, 63 years ago, on the campus of Holy Trinity Church. Over the next few months, we will be renovating the currently vacant Annex building and then renting the space from the parish as our new home.

Trinity Council will continue to be a multi parish-based organization which draws most of its membership from the three Webster parishes of St. Paul's, St. Rita's, and Holy Trinity, as well as St Maximillian Kobe in Ontario.

While the Knights are moving their physical location, the Council remains fully committed to continuing its support of the founding principles of the Knights which are Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We will continue to actively support our community and faith based charitable activities, including our annual Charity Dinner, Coats for Kids program, fund raising in support of programs for the physically and mentally disabled and support for local food banks and our veterans.

If you are interested in joining a family oriented, Catholic fraternal organization that is dedicated to improving the greater Rochester community, please consider joining us. For more information, please contact our membership director, Dave McCoy at realdam3@yahoo.com or 310-5749 or our Grand Knight, Tom Dole at Dole207@hotmail.com or 967-7280.

Bethany House Wish List for April

- ◆ Diapers (all sizes)
- ◆ Wipes
- ◆ Formula (Enfamil with iron)
- ◆ XL garbage bags
- ◆ Dish detergent
- ◆ Laundry detergent
- ◆ Hand soap
- ◆ Dishwasher pods

Please place your donations (in a paper bag) in the collection box in the Narthex during Mass. **(Enter the narthex via the door on the left and remember to wear your mask and to social distance!!!)** The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations to Bethany House at the end of the month.

Good Sam Outreach Winter Clothing Appeal

On behalf of the needy in our area, Good Sam Outreach thanks you very much for your wonderful donations. This week the donations went to Saints Place in Pittsford.

- 10 women's jackets and coats
- 9 men's jackets and coats
- 4 girl's jackets and sweaters
- 5 boy's jackets
- 30 hats and caps (including 6 baseball caps)
- 9 pairs of gloves (including 5 pairs of children's gloves and mittens)

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

THANK YOU!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Thank you all so much for your donation of food to Immanuel's Weekend Back Pack Ministry! You were all very generous. The food items that you collected will make a difference in our food ministry.

At this time we are filling over 70 bags each week. The bags are distributed in all 7 of the Webster elementary buildings.

We pray that the pandemic will soon be behind us and that we will see families doing better financially.

We are marking our 10th year of providing food to students. It is possible because of support that we are given by you at St. Paul's and many others. You are a blessing to our Webster community!

Thank you and God bless you,
Deb Huehn

Immanuel Support/Outreach Chair

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Deborah Housel

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Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177 x 1555

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CMA Shortage Challenge Update

A group of parishioners have offered a challenge to help us meet our CMA 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.

We are very grateful to this group for stepping up and pray that the challenge will be successful.

After our initial announcement and mailing, as of March 22 we have received \$11,820 in CMA Shortage donations. Thank you to all who are trying to help us meet the challenge and reduce out CMA Shortage!

A reminder if you didn't get the mailing: 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 the bulletin and our website for updates on how the Challenge is going.

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

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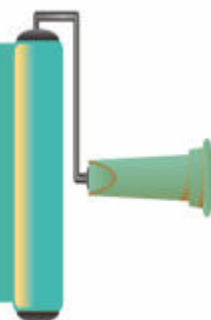
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