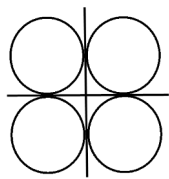


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

May 10, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.
If there were not, would I have told you that I am
going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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Blessing for Mother's Day

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so You give life and care for Your Church. Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect. May the example of Mary, Mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in You all the days of their life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Financial Snapshot

	March 2020	July 2019 - March 2020
Collections	35,039	409,380
Donations/	3,519	52,272
Expenses	52,046	478,620
Operating surplus/deficit	-13,488	-16,968

March collections include three weekends of Masses.
 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
 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
 Lee Vespa
 From
 Justine Miller

SEEDS FOR THE JOURNEY

My Brothers and Sisters, Jambo! There was a mother with two sons, James and John who wanted to teach them the virtues of love, sacrifice and patience. Cooking pancakes for them, she said, "you know, if Jesus was one of you, he would tell his brother to have the first pancake." The two sons looked at each other and James told his brother John, "Oh boy, you better be Jesus."

Jesus sacrificed himself to suffer, die and be resurrected for our salvation. "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). In John 14:1, Jesus told his disciples: "Do not let your heart be troubled." Despite the suffering and sickness like coronavirus, we should not fear and despair. As Pope St. John Paul II tells us: "Do not abandon yourself to despair." We should trust in Jesus who is the **way** to the Father; the **truth** that "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but should have eternal **life**" (John 3:16). Jesus call us to become more like Him. Loving, self-sacrificing and patient with other people like Philip who had completely missed Jesus' point. He was looking for a road map to the Father. He had not understood that Jesus as a person-the second person of the Holy Trinity is the way to the Father. Jesus is our **GPS**-meaning **God's** Presence through the **Spirit**.

We are baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity and incorporated into the church, the Body of Christ. In spiritual unity with Christ, we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His own" (1Peter 2:9). We are precious and loved by God (Isaiah 43:4). God loves us as mothers and fathers love their children. That is why in John 14:3-5, Jesus described heaven not just as His home, but our home as well. We follow Jesus, the way, to our eternal home. As we celebrate Mother's Day this year with coronavirus problems, we are called to strive to love with the same self-sacrifice and patience as Jesus. St. Mother Teresa was often asked why sacrifice and spend so much time and energy helping the poor who were going to die anyway. Her answer was that she had no choice. She was a Christian, committed to love and serving Jesus identified with the poor. She said the worst disease was not cancer or HIV-AIDS and today coronavirus but feeling unloved. With so many people suffering in the world, how can we bring love and joy like St. Mother Teresa?

Pope St. John Paul II, wrote that loving hands of God are "Like those of a mother who accepts and takes care of her Child." There are scripture passages that present the image of God as a loving and caring mother. In Isaiah 49:15 God says, "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you." In Matthew 23:37, Jesus compares Himself to a loving and protective mother-hen who longs to gather her chicks together under her wings. Today we pray that mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, adoptive mothers, Godmothers, potential mothers and all of us should learn from Mary and Jesus how to love with patience and self-sacrifice. So, I tell you, "Oh boy, you better be Jesus."

Wishing you a blessed and happy Mother's Day.

Father Paul

Challenge Update!

As you know, a generous local couple has offered to match offertory and Easter donations through the end of May, up to \$25,000.

We have great news! Our parishioners have responded wonderfully and the challenge has been met!

Thank you to all who have been able to support the parish through this time of uncertainty. This is a tremendous help as we continue the maintenance of our facility with the obvious goal of welcoming everyone back. We have also been able to maintain a limited staff on payroll who are working very hard to keep everything running.

Let us keep this spirit of supporting St. Paul's going and hopefully we will be back worshipping together soon!

Our giving options include mailing your donation to the parish, making your gift online through our web site or your bank, using the **GivePlus** mobile app, or by texting your gift. Details of these options are below.

Thank you !

Ways to Meet the Challenge

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

Or give through your bank's online bill pay feature.



Try the

GIVEPLUS⁺ MOBILE APP



To donate by text,
send your
contribution amount
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WHEN GOD
DESIGNS
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HIMSELF
THERE.

REFLECT

FIRST READING

In today's reading, Luke offers an example of the cultural tensions that existed in the early Church between the Hellenists (Gentiles) and the Hebrews (Jews). The resolution resided in offering service to the other. Why do you think service can be a key to resolving community conflict?

SECOND READING

Peter emphasizes the importance of faith in Christ for building a strong spiritual house. How has the gift of faith strengthened your home?

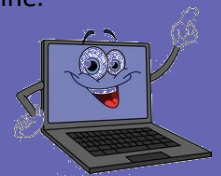
GOSPEL READING

In his farewell discourse, Jesus encourages the disciples, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." What inspires you in times of spiritual doubt?

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
- Read the weekly bulletin
- Donate online
- Contact a staff member
- Get the latest updates on rescheduled events after the quarantine.



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

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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

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.**

The lovely flowers adorning the altar for Mother's Day have been donated in loving memory/honor of the following.
Many thanks for your generosity!

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Betty Keller	Sue Dettman
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Rita Bruderly	Robin Martz
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Happy Mothers Day