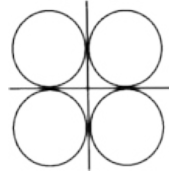


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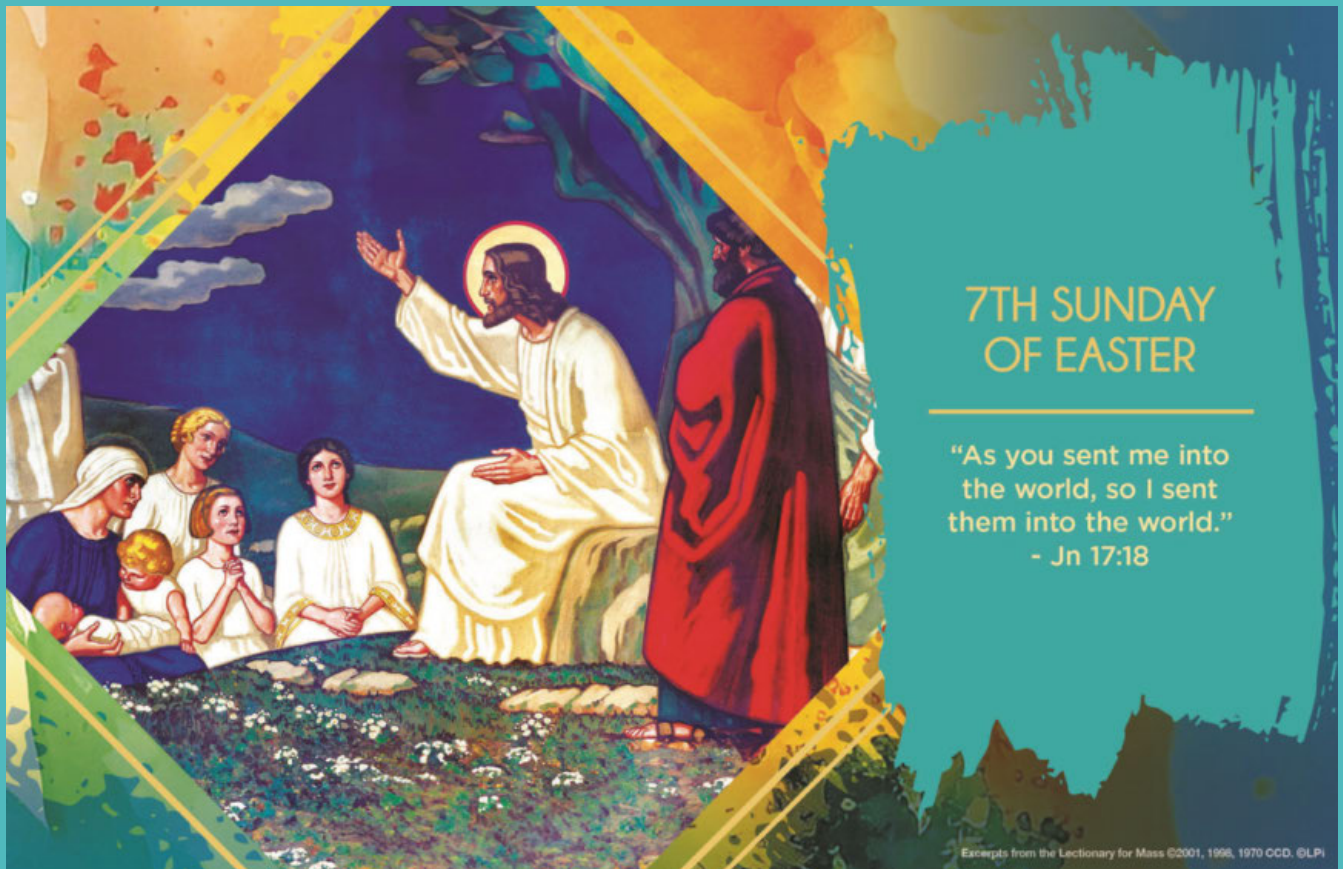


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

May 12, 2024 Seventh 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.



Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Confession

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Monday, May 13
Easter Weekday
Mother of the Church
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, May 14
St. Matthias, Apostle
 8:30A Mass with anointing
 12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, May 15
Easter Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, May 16
Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 11:00A Together in Grief

Friday, May 17
Weekday
 No Mass

Saturday, May 18
Easter Weekday
 2nd Collection for Diocesan Mission Sunday
 Tickets Sales for Red Wings
 Night after Mass
 10:00A Prayer Shawl
 2:00P Confession
 4:00P Mass-choir sings

Sunday, May 19
Pentecost Sunday (Wear Red)
 2nd Collection for Diocesan Mission Sunday
 Tickets Sales for Red Wings
 Night after Masses
 9:00A Mass
 10:00A SOR classes (last day)
 10:00A Confirmation Prep class for yr. 1
 11:00A Mass



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Financial Snapshot

	April 2024	July-April 2024
Collections	\$68,300	\$457,219
Donations/ other revenue	\$1,838	\$48,405
Expenses	\$52,578	\$445,451
Operating surplus/deficit	\$17,648	\$60,173

**Let Us Pray
 for Those in the Military**

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
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Mason Serrano	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for
 Peter & Lucille DeAngelis
 From
 Patrice & Randy*

Seeds for the Journey

How did I End Up Here?

This is the question I normally ask myself. In the 1980's I felt that God was calling me to be a priest but not a missionary like Fr. Pat O'Toole a Holy Ghost Father. Fr. Pat, who I admired and he influenced my vocation was the pastor of my home parish where I was an altar boy. He became my spiritual father, mentor, friend, and benefactor. He paid my school fees that my single mother could not afford doing casual labor earning less than \$1.00 per day. I chose to be a priest of the Archdiocese of Nairobi in Kenya so that I could serve the people near my mother because I love and care about her. Someone simply said, "A mother's sacrifice isn't giving birth...it's 9 months without wine." Jokes aside, our mothers sacrifice a lot for our welfare. I think that is why most of us are attached to our mothers, but we must sacrifice this attachment if we are called to serve our country or church in a foreign country.

So, after my ordination on June 18, 1994, I served for 9 years in different parishes in Kenya. In 2000 while serving at St. Patrick's parish in Thika town, I developed an interest to study for counseling skills and to do pastoral work in a foreign land. Then our family friend named Nyina Wa Wamai, told me, "Father, now that you have built your mother a nice house you need to go to abroad for further studies like Fr. Dominic Wamugunda." It was as if the heavens opened and then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8).

I applied to study for a masters degree in Pastoral Counseling at Loyola University in Chicago. I was accepted and given a full scholarship. Unfortunately, the Archdiocese of Chicago did not have a parish rectory where I could stay and do pastoral work. The Archbishop of Nairobi Raphael Ndingi told me to try St. John Fisher University because that is where he studied. Thank God in 2003, I was admitted at Fisher to study MS in Human Service Administration (graduated 2005) and MS in Mental Health Counseling (graduated 2009). In 2005-2011 I served as Parochial Administrator of St. Bridget's and Immaculate Conception in Rochester's inner city.

On my last year 2010-2011, Bishop Clark asked me to serve with Deb Housel, at St. Andrew's, Annunciation, St. Michael's, Our lady of America's and Our Lady of Perpetual Help. After serving all those churches in the city, I was ready for a change. I applied St. Jerome but unfortunately, I was not given a chance to serve there. However, I was told not to worry because there is another opening at St. Paul's in Webster. So, I applied, and I was appointed by Bishop Matthew Clark. Last year I finished two terms of 12 years. Bishop Salvatore Matano allowed me to continue serving here because he had appointed me the Diocesan Director of the Propagation of the Faith and requested me to relocate the office from the Diocesan headquarters to St. Paul's. So, it would be easier for me and Jodie to operate.

As I celebrate my 30th anniversary of priestly ordination on June 18, 2024, I thank God for these years I have served His people. And I am grateful for your love, prayers, support, and encouragement throughout these years both in good times and difficult ones. The answer to the question of how I ended up here, I say it is the Lord's making.

We thank God for the gift of our loving and caring mothers. We pray for them asking God to bless and protect them, heal and comfort those who are sick, grant eternal peace and happiness to those gone before us. May the mother of Jesus intercede for us. Happy Mother's Day!

Fr. Paul



Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

*God our heavenly Father,
you give to each the ability to share your generative love.
Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love
and bring forth life through their willingness
to risk bringing new life into this world.
Help us to show them our gratitude
for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.
May our life-giving God continue to bless them
and show them his unfailing love.
We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.
Amen.*

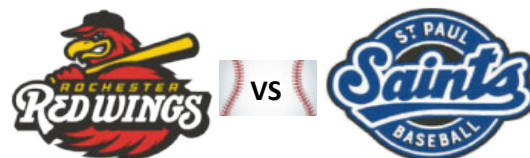
Parish Pastoral Council

St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council encourages you to share your questions and ideas with them. There are always members of the council at Mass on the weekends so please feel free to approach them. All are welcome to attend Parish Pastoral Council meetings. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in rooms 7 & 8.

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**St. Paul's Night
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When: May 29th at 6:05 p.m. gates open at 5:00 p.m. Free tee shirts given to the first 1,000 fans

Cost: \$15 per person
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Diocesan Mission Sunday

The church is called to proclaim Jesus Christ, who was crucified, died and is risen: through Him God bestows "new life" that is divine and eternal. This is the "Good News" which changes people and history, and which all people have a right to hear.

We cannot be content when we consider the millions of our brothers and sisters who don't know Christ and the love of God yet.

"As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)

For over fifty years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. Next weekend, May 18th & 19th, we call upon you to help with your prayers and sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail. Thank you for your generosity and for your support of the missions.

St. Paul's Question of the week

Question: dear editor, is the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation a sort of graduation from Catholic religious education?

The answer to this frequently asked question is a resounding no, according to Donald Smith, coordinator of sacramental life and family catechesis for the Diocese of Rochester. The myth that confirmation marks the end of the faith-formation journey has persisted for decades, yet is patently false, he said.

"Ideally, (confirmation) should transition us from a life of learning to a life of growing" in faith, Smith said.

Rochester Hope May Wish List

Diapers, baby formula, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, peanut butter, jell, can opener & favorite snacks or cookies

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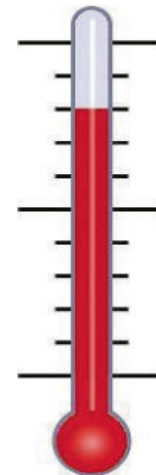


Durkin, Mary & Andrew Greeley A Church to Come Home to

The basic premise of this book is that there are a sizeable number of young adults who left the Catholic church but *have since returned or would like to*. *The religious needs of this group must be linked to the practical experiences of their lives. Those in positions of authority in the Church must appreciate the unique contribution these home-comers would make to the Catholic community. These home-comers need pastoral ministers who will listen to their positions, understand their reasons for leaving, ask them to participate in the renewal of the full Christian community, and recognize the role of women in modern society. Above all, they need to feel welcomed back.* (Call No. 282.73-DUR)



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Ministry Schedule for May 18 & 19, 2024

If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
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EMHC	Dennis Olbrich Bob Frank	TBD TBD	Cindy Ottina Ruth Prinzivalli
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Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Sue Muto	Tom Napoli
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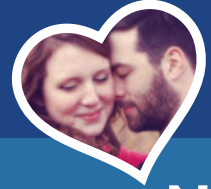
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