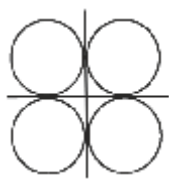


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**May 16, 2021 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.



## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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**Mass Times**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. &amp; 11:00 a.m.

**Confession**Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
or by appointment**Weekday Masses**Monday, 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.

**Parish Staff****Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau**Deacon:** Mark Robbins**Coordinator of Music:** Tom McGary x31**Adult & Youth Faith Formation****& Confirmation Prep Coordinator:** Sue Ward 671-2110**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.org

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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**Upcoming Events****Monday, May 17****Easter Weekday**

8:30A Mass

7:00P Zoom Parish Pastoral  
Council Mtg.**Tuesday, May 18****Easter Weekday**

8:30A Mass

**Wednesday, May 19****Easter Weekday**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament**Thursday, May 20****The Ascension of the Lord**

8:30A Mass

**Friday, May 21****Easter Weekday**

No Mass or events

**Saturday, May 22****Easter Weekday****Wear red!**

2:00P Individual Confession

4:00P Mass

**Sunday, May 23****Pentecost Sunday****Wear red!**

9:00A Mass

11:00A Mass

**Financial Snapshot**

	April 2021	July 2020-April 2021
Collections	\$40,949	\$457,699
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,854	\$36,996
Expenses	\$67,933	\$477,946
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(24,130)	\$16,749

\*“Expenses” include quarterly invoices paid.

\*“Donations/other revenue” does not include CMA shortage donations of \$39,000 from challengers and donors.

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

Jason Aman

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Bryan Gross

Tom Weisenreder

Mason Serrano

Andrew Zani

Jay Riesenberger

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Sean Black

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Cydney Blong

Michael J. Desiato

Daniel Thomas

This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Louis Spina  
From  
Wife, children,  
grandchildren &  
great grandchildren

## *Seeds for the Journey*

Although most of us have received Covid-19 vaccines, we are still following CDC, NYS and Diocesan guidelines for best practices to keep everyone safe. We thank God that after a very challenging time, we are slowly regaining normalcy with some hope and renewal of life. So, in June you will not see me around because I will go to visit my relatives and friends in Texas and Georgia. I was hoping that I could visit my mom in Kenya to celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this year but due to cases of coronavirus and US traveling warning, God willing I will visit her next year and then we can celebrate her 81<sup>st</sup> and my 60<sup>th</sup> birthdays.

Coronavirus came so quickly but the impact of challenges will remain with us for some time. In the seminary, I was never trained on how to handle a pandemic and this is true to most clergy. Hence, we had to suspend celebration of masses with the faithful. Parishioners were also scared to come and that means we lost fellowship. Some ministries like our Good Sam Outreach were paused despite this is the time many people needed help. Some people were grieving the loss of a business, job, investment, and enduring financial challenges. There are those whose relatives or friends became sick or even died from this virus or other causes.

"The global pandemic made us suddenly reflect on our own mortality and reminded us that we are not in control of all the variables in our lives, no matter how organized, hardworking, or well-qualified we might be. In addition, the disconnectedness many have felt during this time has reminded us that we are social beings, created for communion with one another." (A Pastoral Guide to Opening Your Parish, Page 15). There is no doubt that this pandemic made most of us think and reflect more on the mystery of suffering and death.

The History of Human Salvation has taught us that God can use suffering like those of Babylonian Exile and the Cross of Jesus for the greater good of His people. Of course, God is not the cause of coronavirus but can use this pandemic as means of purification, conversion, or renewal of our faith and re-commitment to Him and the church. Fathers Ayre and Heinlein in their book *Finding Christ in the Crisis: What the Pandemic Can Teach Us* say, "The scandals of the clergy, the lukewarmness of faith, and so much more call us to repent. Might God be drawing us into a time of purification to recommit ourselves to the covenant and mission He has established in His Church?" (Page 25).

So, let us continue to reflect on these questions: What lesson God is teaching us? How do we return to Eucharistic celebrations with joy and thanksgiving? How will I adjust to new reality and letting go of some stuff? Do we have new ministries that need to be considered? Would you like to be involved in the new ways of doing our programs? What about parish financial support? I must say that I'm very grateful for your gifts and contributions during this challenging time. The first time in many years we have reached our CMA goal. Thanks to the parishioners who responded positively when I called requesting them to contribute for CMA Matching Campaign. Thanks very much for your continuing generous support.

*Fr. Paul*





**Wear RED  
on Pentecost Sunday  
May 22 & 23**

### Father's Day Flowers



We invite you to make a donation towards the purchase of plants and flowers to decorate the church, in memory or honor of your loved ones, for Father's Day.

Please make your check payable to "St. Paul's Church" and mark your donation "Father's Day Flowers" and include **who the donation is in memory of**; we will list them in the bulletin on Father's Day. Please have your requests to the office **by Monday June 14**.

You can also request a Father's Day flower memorial on our website! Use the "Donate" link. 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.

Questions please contact Jodie or Robin at 671-2100 or Jodie.hickey@dor.org or robin.martz@dor.org Thanks!

### Bethany House Wish List for May

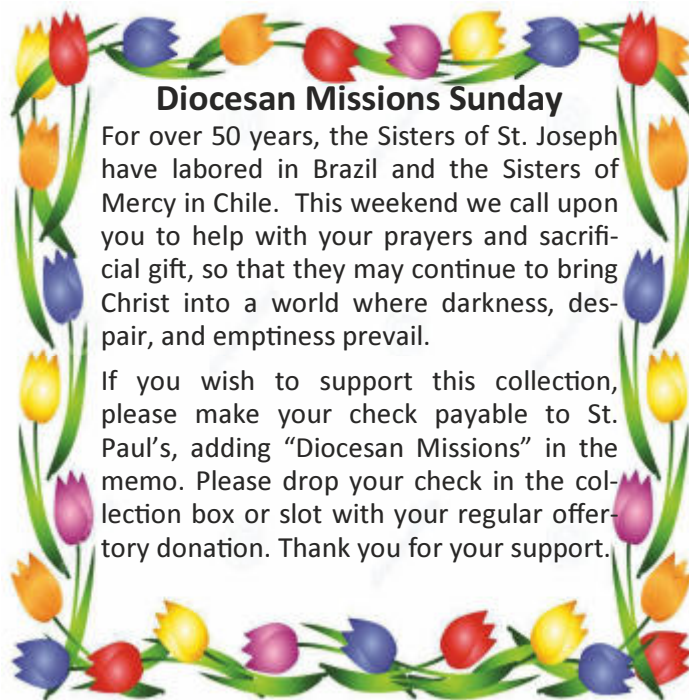
- ◆ Detergent (dish, laundry)
- ◆ Dishwasher pods
- ◆ Hand soap
- ◆ XL garbage bags
- ◆ Gallon zip lock bags
- ◆ Aluminum foil
- ◆ Disinfectant sprays & wipes

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.

### Diocesan Missions Sunday

For over 50 years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. This weekend 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.

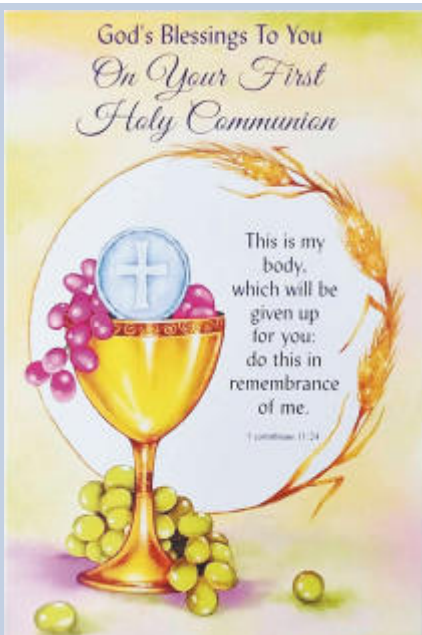
If you wish to support this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Diocesan Missions" in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.



### Catechetical Coordinator Needed

We are looking for a new Catechetical Coordinator for the School of Religion so that Sue Ward can focus on Adult & Youth Faith Formation and Confirmation Prep. The job posting below is also listed on the Diocese of Rochester website.

St. Paul's Catechetical Coordinator will collaborate with the pastor and other staff in implementing the mission of the parish, through the comprehensive planning and implementation of the parish Religious Education and Sacramental programs. This includes School of Religion classes for grades K through 7, preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, Vacation Bible School, and Children's Liturgy of the Word. Applicant should (minimally) be certified as a Catechetical Leader, but preferably have a Master's Degree in Theology, Pastoral Ministry, and/or Religious Education. Please send resume to Robin Martz at robin.martz@dor.org.



Congratulations to:  
**Santino Pratt**  
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 who are celebrating the  
 Sacrament of First Holy  
 Communion this weekend.



**Don't be a  
 chicken!  
 Join us at the  
 BBQ!**

***St. Paul's 6th Annual***  
**Chicken BBQ Fundraiser**

**Friday, June 18, 2021**  
**4:30 to 6:30 PM**  
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Watch the bulletin and website for  
 further details!

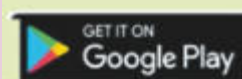
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**Webster, NY 14580**

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 To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of  
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**Deborah House**

585-328-3228 x1555

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

Or by email, [victimassistance@dor.org](mailto:victimassistance@dor.org)

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Reports may also be made in writing to:  
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 1150 Buffalo Road—Rochester, NY 14624



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias,  
and he was counted with the eleven apostles. (Acts 1:26)

### PSALM:

The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103)  
Or Alleluia.

### SECOND READING:

Beloved, if God so loved us,  
we also must love one another. (1 Jn 4:11)

### GOSPEL:

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you  
have given me,  
so that they may be one just as we are one." (Jn 17:11b)

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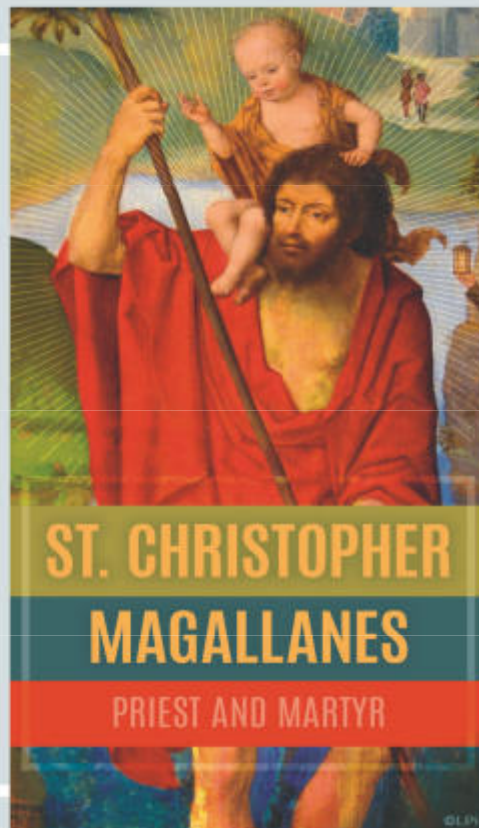
### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;  
World Communications Day  
Tuesday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr  
Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest  
Friday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs  
Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious  
Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

**BELOVED,  
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**—1 John 4:11**

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## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

In the immediate aftermath of Jesus' ascension, and as a means for healing within the group, Peter and the apostles discerned Matthias as the replacement for Judas. What are some areas in your faith life that need healing in order to feel whole?

### SECOND READING

John testifies that his community has "come to know and to believe in the love God has for us." Do you think your faith community shares a similar conviction of faith in the love of God?

### GOSPEL READING

We hear Jesus' prayer to his Father for the protection of the disciples, especially against "the evil one" in the world. Where do you personally experience evil in the world today?

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