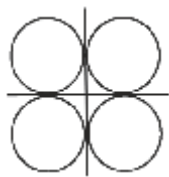


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

May 2, 2021 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

GROW

**"I am the true vine,
and my Father is
the vine grower."**

- Jn 15:1A

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Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 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

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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

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Upcoming Events**Monday, May 3**

Ssts. Philip & James, Apostles

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, May 4

Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass

Wednesday, May 5

Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed
 Sacrament

Thursday, May 6

Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass

7:00P Gospel of John Study
 Group via Zoom

Friday, May 7

Easter Weekday

No Mass or events

Saturday, May 8

Easter Weekday

2:00P Individual Confession

4:00P Mass-First Communion
 during Mass

Sunday, May 9

6th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

9:00A Mass

11:00A Mass

**Financial Snapshot**

	March 2021	July 2020-March 2021
Collections	\$73,864	\$416,749
Donations/ other revenue	\$4,762	\$34,142
Expenses	\$34,227	\$409,797
Operating surplus/deficit	\$44,399	\$41,094

*Collections for March includes several annual donations.

*"Donations/other revenue" does not include CMA shortage donations of \$33,555 from challengers and donors.

*Expenses include quarterly invoices paid in July, October, and January.

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
 Norb Keller
 From
 Sue Dettman



Seeds for the Journey

Office Update

Our Sixth Annual Chicken BBQ is scheduled for June 18! We will be selling tickets online and are considering other alternatives. I have been doing research at the other local church fish fries and BBQs to get ideas. Watch the website/bulletin for more details as the date nears.

Our CMA Shortage challenge was a wonderful success! Many thanks to the Challengers who started it and the parishioners who responded.

Thank you also to everyone who donated directly to the CMA! Between the initial CMA donations and the Challenge donations, we have made our goal! We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you!

Our roof leak is fixed and we are watching to make sure additional leaks don't occur. This wet spring has kept Ben busy with more inside projects than outdoors. Good news...he hopes to install the last order of bricks that were on hold. Keep an eye on our walkway!

We now have three masses per weekend, 4:00 PM Saturday and 9:00AM and 11:00 AM on Sunday.

We are still doing signups for the weekend masses. It makes it much easier for Helen and our ushers to seat everyone quickly and safely. Thanks for helping them by signing up!

You may have noticed the Saturday signup is locked at 4:00 PM on Thursday. This is because Sign Up Genius cuts it off two days in advance of the event. (We are using the cheap version, not the deluxe which has more flexibility but costs significantly more.) I generally take the signup button off the website Thursday evening when I make up the final attendance/seating group lists for Helen and Ben. Ben sets up the chairs on Friday morning and Helen uses the lists to assist the ushers and greeters at each Mass. She also references the lists to know who needs to complete the volunteer forms.

We know everyone is getting tired of the signups and masks and social distancing. We are too. (I'd rather watch Netflix than do seating lists on Thursday nights). However, while more of us have received the Covid vaccine, many have not and are still at risk. Also the vaccine is not 100% effective. We are continuing to follow CDC guidelines for best practices which include masks, social distancing and sanitizing. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we try to do our best to keep everyone safe.

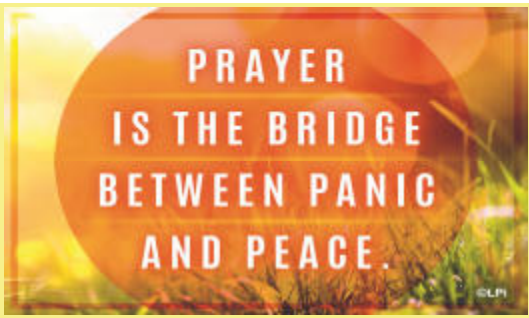
The office is still closed to visitors but you may still reach us via phone and email. Jodie checks in with many folks each week when she calls them to sign them up. (Some don't have a computer, some just like a phone call.) If you'd like to be on her call list, please let us know. Thanks for your support!

Robin

Mother's Day Flowers

Mother's Day Flower envelopes are due to the office by Monday, May 3rd. Please make your check payable to "St. Paul's Church" and mark your donation "Mother's Day Flowers" and include **who the donation is in memory of**; we will list them in the bulletin on Mother's Day.

You can also request a Mother'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 email at jodie.hickey@dor.org or robin.martz@dor.org.



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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.



Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments "Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be"

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

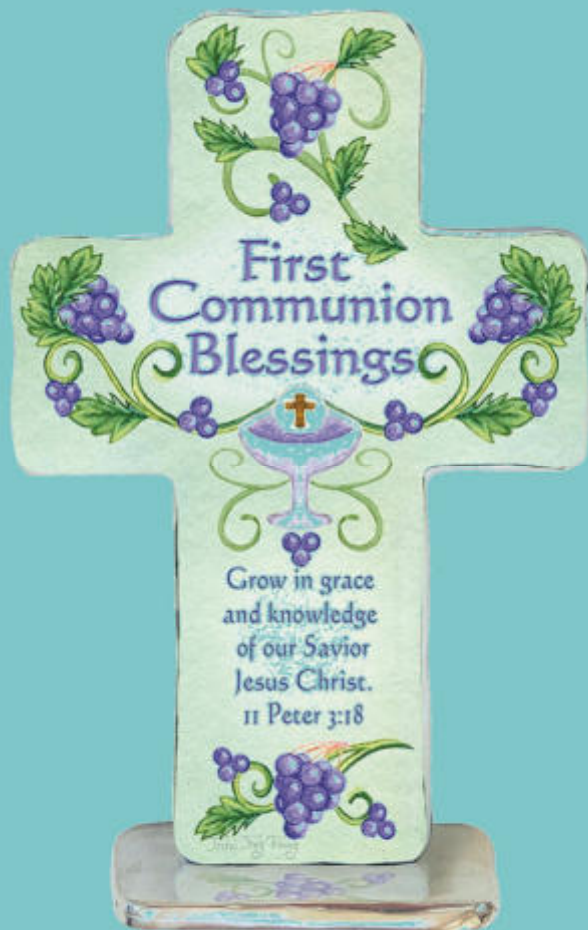
Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Congratulations to:
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Jason Heisinger
 who are celebrating the
 Sacrament of First Holy
 Communion this weekend.



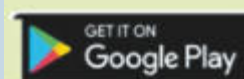
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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples,
but they were all afraid of him,
not believing that he was a disciple. (Acts 9:26)

PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
(Ps 22) Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

And his commandment is this:
we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and love one another just as he commanded us.
(1 Jn 3:23)

GOSPEL:

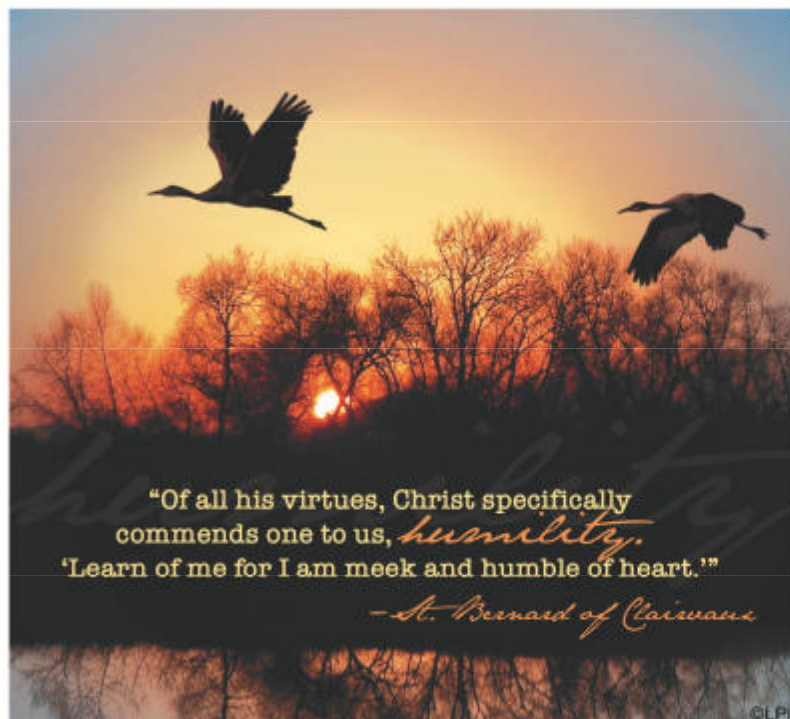
"I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter
Monday: Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles
Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day



Sts. PHILLIP
& JAMES

APOSTLES

REFLECT

FIRST READING

Luke tells us how the conversion of Saul (Paul) and the acceptance by the disciples of him helped facilitate peace in the Church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria. What do you think is needed to bring about peace in our Church today?

SECOND READING

John teaches his community that believing in Jesus and loving one another is the heart of God's commandment. How would you assess yourself in following this two-fold command?

GOSPEL READING

Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus urges his disciples to "remain in me" in order to bear good fruit and thereby glorify God. What would be some examples of "good fruit" that you have produced?

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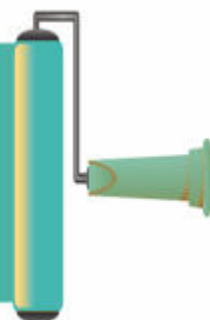
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