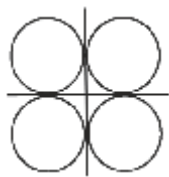


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday

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, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

ConfessionSaturday 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

fr.paul.gitau@dor.org

mark.robbins@dor.org

thomas.mcgary@dor.org

susan.ward@dor.org

robin.martz@dor.org

helen.stirpe@dor.org

ben.obrien@dor.org

jodie.hickey@dor.org

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 24*****The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church***
8:30A Mass**Tuesday, May 25*****Weekday***
8:30A Mass**Wednesday, May 26*****St. Philip Neri, Priest***
8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament**Thursday, May 27*****Weekday***
8:30A Mass**Friday, May 28*****Weekday***
No Mass or events**Saturday, May 29*****Weekday***
2:00P Individual Confession
4:00P Mass**Sunday, May 30*****The Most Holy Trinity***
9:00A Mass
11:00A Mass-First Communion
during 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

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
Mary Alice Rieger
From
Brian & Ann Marie
Bocklage

Are We Worthy of Them?

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the beginning of the church of Jesus Christ. Recently, my sense of celebration was challenged, however, when I read the results of a 2017 study by St. Mary's Press, in collaboration with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA). The study found that "between 2007 and 2014 there has been an increase of about 19 million religiously unaffiliated adults—also known as the "Nones"—in the United States, bringing the total number ...to 56 million." The age group representing the highest percentage of the unaffiliated (36%) are the "young millennials," ages 18-24, followed by the "older millennials," ages 25-33, representing 34%. The **median age of disaffiliation is 13**, and "of all the major denominations, Catholicism has experienced the greatest net losses...."

Why are they leaving? To find an answer, Saint Mary's Press conducted in-depth personal interviews with 15 young people (ages 15 to 25) who had once self-identified as Catholic but no longer do. Their stated purpose: *"This study attempts to reveal the life stories of disaffiliated young people so that we as Church might develop empathy for and true understanding of the complex and varied realities of real people who have made a thoughtful, discerning, and often deeply reflective choice—a choice typically not made in haste or lightly."*

What did they learn? The responses fall over a broad spectrum, as you might imagine, and include: I don't really believe in God; I believe in God, but I don't think organized religion serves any purpose and is irrelevant today; I don't agree with the church's position on most social issues, especially those involving women, marriage and sexuality; the church's teachings are too rigid and judgmental. Two respondents asked these questions: How can the church condemn homosexuality while protecting pedophile priests? And, Why would a loving God create people and then condemn his creation to hell?

We'd be foolish to ignore these statements and questions in light of the above statistics, and we do need to take an honest look at who we are as Catholics, how we do "Church," and how we hand on the teachings of Jesus (faith formation). That said, though, on April 12th Bishop Matano Confirmed 25 young people from St. Paul's—kids who are the same age as the median age of disaffiliation, but who asked the Bishop to initiate them into the adult component of the Catholic church. I'd like to share with you a few excerpts from their letters to the Bishop, asking for the Sacrament:

"The Sacrament of Confirmation will make me think about how I can help the people in need and really get to fulfill my duties as a Christian. I will make sure I can practice the teachings of Jesus Christ to help all people even if they don't believe in God because we are all children of God. I feel that I will still not be the best person I can be but with the Sacrament I will think of things a different way, trying to help everyone I can."

"In the early stages of the pandemic I was starting to lose my faith. I felt a growing distance between God and me. I was feeling lonely most days. But once I started to pray regularly again, I just felt better. I felt that connection with God again, and it helped me to get through the rest of these crazy times so far. My faith has also helped me strengthen my relationships with my family and friends. I feel closer to my family as well as to God, and that has helped me to feel a stronger connection to my Catholicism."

"To respect my Lord and Savior, I feel as if I should become closer to him and become one with him—through faith, through love and through happiness. I've been very lucky to become already so close with a church and the people and family along with it. They make me feel safe and loved."

I hope the honesty, humility, and maturity of these students lifted your spirits a little, as they did mine. We certainly owe our deepest gratitude to their parents and to all the catechists throughout the years who have brought them to this point. Yet, on this, the birthday of the church, we are impelled to honestly reflect upon who we are as "Church" and pray that we are, and can continue to become, the community of the Holy Spirit that is worthy of retaining young people such as these from St. Paul's.

Sue



Undie Sunday June 12 & 13

Good Sam Outreach will be sponsoring a special collection for Hope House the weekend of June 12 and 13. They are in need of new men's, women's and especially kids underwear and socks. Any and all sizes will be appreciated.

This is a great way to help our neighbors in need!

Please put your donations in the labeled bin near the Bethany House food collection box. Thank you!

© Copyright 2012 www.globalsolutions.co.uk



2021 Update

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), through our Rice Bowl alms, helps brothers and sisters in-need around the world, especially in these challenging times. Thank you for your many sacrifices during Lent. **Through your generosity, \$3,405 was collected from St. Paul's parishioners.** Through these alms given to Catholic Relief Services, *we become a blessing for others.* What we gave up for Lent will change lives!

75% of our CRS Rice Bowl alms support Catholic Relief Services development projects overseas carried out on behalf of the U.S. Catholic community (us!).

25% of the CRS Rice Bowl alms remain in our Diocese to help support local hunger relief efforts.

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!

St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council

Scott Rutan - Chair
 Bill Green - Vice Chair
 Elizabeth Randisi - Secretary
 Linda D'Antonio
 Joe & Marianne Ferrara
 Chuck & Bonnie Korherr
 Sharyn Lipari
 Tim Runyan
 Ella Rynkiewicz - Youth Rep.
 Diana Strassman
 Deborah Urtz-Gleason - Trustee/Ex-Officio

St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council encourages you to share your questions and ideas with them. Contact Jodie at 671-2100 or Jodie.hickey@dor.org and she will relay your questions and ideas to the Council.



The Chicken is Back!

Our Annual Chicken BBQ is a parish fundraiser. In the past it was also fun for those attending as folks could eat in or drive through and each year more people came inside. We never quite managed to achieve our sales goals but the staff and crew enjoyed putting it together. This will be our sixth BBQ, and the fifth year with the same company, who use an automatic charcoal cooker which provides more consistent results.

This year we are making some changes, mostly due to the pandemic and also to try to get more sales.

It will be drive through only. Our downstairs hall is just not suitable for a crowd eating during a pandemic. We will miss seeing everyone who came inside to eat and chat with their neighbors. Also no drinks or ice cream sales either (those of you who did not come inside did not know you missed the ice cream. 😊 Maybe we'll bring those back next year.

We are not doing a presale; it will be cash only the day of the BBQ. (The good news is that we won't be badgering you to buy a ticket after mass - although we **will** be encouraging everyone to attend – and tell your friends!)

We considered raising the price this year but decided to try for low price/high volume which is why we are doing cash only and keeping the price the same as two years ago. See details below!



**What a deal!
And Fr. Paul
says it's
delicious!**

**St. Paul's 6th Annual
Chicken BBQ Fundraiser
Friday, June 18, 2021
4:30 to 6:30 PM
(or until sold out)**

**\$10 per dinner: 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes,
cole slaw, and a roll/butter**

cash only - drive through only

Giving Options-Thank You!

Go to our web site
(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
to 833-931-1892



Mail your check:
**St. Paul Church
783 Hard Road
Webster, NY 14580**

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 House

585-328-3228 x1555

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

Or by email, victimassistance@dor.org

Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester

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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
(Acts 2:3)

PSALM:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the
earth. (Ps 104) Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
Against such there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23)

GOSPEL:

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,
he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 15:27, 16:13)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC.
The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International
Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

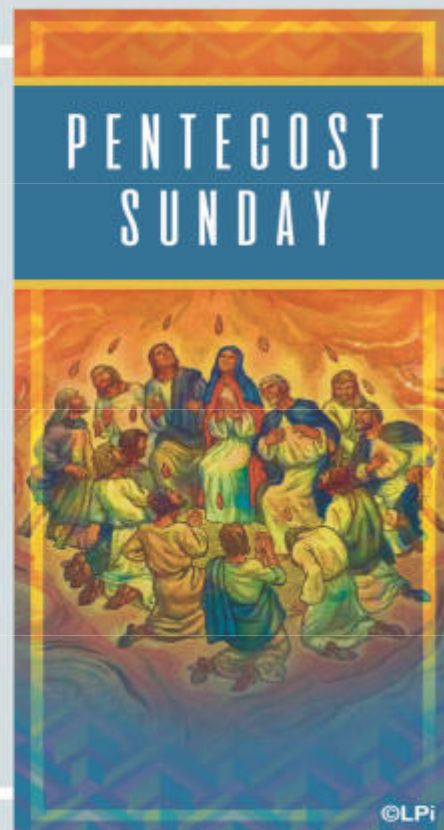
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest
Thursday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Saturday: St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

**"AS MARINERS ARE
GUIDED INTO PORT BY
THE SHINING OF A STAR,
SO CHRISTIANS ARE
GUIDED TO HEAVEN
BY MARY."**

- SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

©LPi



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The descent of the Holy Spirit onto the disciples, which marked the beginning of the Church, was a transformative experience for the followers of Jesus. What have been some transformative experiences for you in your faith journey?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks to the Galatians about our universal struggle between the Spirit and the flesh. Paul even lists examples of the "works of the flesh" and the "fruits of the Spirit." How would you measure your own success in this spiritual battle?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus assured his disciples that his Father would send the "Spirit of truth" to believers offering guidance and divine gifts. Where do you see the Holy Spirit active in your life?

WARREN'S

PAINT & DECORATING CENTER

Paint • Flooring • Window Treatments
Wallcovering • Upholstery • Unfinished Furniture
964 RIDGE ROAD • WEBSTER, NY 14580
Tel: 671-6400 • Fax: 671-2227
Hours: M-W-F 7:30-6 | Tu.-Th. 7:30-7:30 | Sat 9-5
Visit us at www.warrensdecorating.com
Rachel & Don Warren, Parishioners



ST. ANN'S
COMMUNITY
at Cherry Ridge

900 Cherry Ridge Boulevard • Webster, NY
stannscommunity.com/cherry-ridge

Luxury
Apartments
& Cottage
Homes

To schedule a
tour or for more
information:
(585) 697-6702

Weinstein Randisi
YOUR FAMILY'S LAW FIRM

Nursing Home Questions?
Estate Planning Needs?
We can help!

Andy & Elizabeth Randisi
Elder Law Attorneys
St. Paul's Parishioners

(585)-248-3800
www.randisilaw.com

WILLARD H. SCOTT
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

12 South Ave., Webster
265-3640

www.willardhscott.com

LET US PLACE
YOUR AD HERE.

STELLAR Roofing
— Expect a Stellar Job Every Time

**Call us today for a FREE thorough
Roof and Attic Inspection**

ROOF REPAIRS • METAL & SHINGLE ROOFS
INSULATION & MORE

**25% OFF Gutters
& Gutter Guards**
(limited time offer)

www.StellarRoofing.com
(585) 888-ROOF



PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM

\$29.95/MO

BILLED QUARTERLY

PLUS
SPECIAL
OFFER

CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772
WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM



**AVAILABLE
FOR A LIMITED TIME**

**ADVERTISE YOUR
BUSINESS HERE**

Contact **Lorne Searight** to place an ad today!
lsearight@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6460

Hearing Aid Repair (on all makes and models) • Ear Wax Removal
New Hearing Aid Sales • Hearing Aid Batteries • Wireless Hearing Devices

**FREE CONSULTATION
and/or FREE HEARING SCREENING**

OFFICE &
HOME VISITS

Mobile audiology and hearing aid services.
NYS licensed, board certified and fully insured.



Carolynne Pouliot, Au.D.
Doctor of Audiology

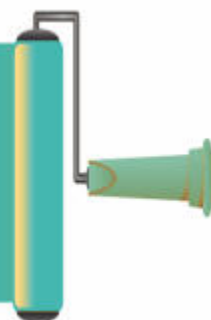
2479 Browncroft Blvd • Rochester NY

585-348-9886

Hearingaidworks.com



**SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS
THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY**



THIS SPACE IS
AVAILABLE

More than just groceries...
Full Service
Flower Shop
Party Trays & Cakes
Meat cut fresh on premise

Hegedorns
MARKET

Serving Webster for Over 66 Years

We Deliver Too!
671-4450 • 671-7912 (fax)

WILBERT'S
PREMIUM RECYCLED PARTS

Great deals on tires
and wheels for your
car or truck

SINCE 1952

1272 SALT ROAD
WEBSTER, NY 14580
585-872-1540

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection
From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Flood Detection
- Fire Safety
- Carbon Monoxide



SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251



WHITNEY & COMPANY

Investment Management and
Wealth Planning

www.whitneyandcompany.com

William G.
Shaheen, CPA

585-232-6200

ToptoBottomRochester.com

Ask yourself, is your repairman too
expensive, unreliable, unpredictable?

#1 IN REPAIRS

- Gutter Cleaning
- Insulation
- Roofing
- Snow & Ice
- Chimney
- Chimney Liners
- Gutters
- Basement Walls
- Masonry
- Painted/Repaired
- Siding
- Water Proofed
- Carpentry
- Doors, Etc.

Since 1988

TOP TO BOTTOM

Expert Evaluation • Fully Insured
Free Estimates • Guaranteed
Senior Discount

Your Safest Choice



338-9865

For 24 Hour Emergencies, Call 764-8204

30th Year Parish Sponsor Johnathon A. Geer

YARD IN ROUGH SHAPE?
★ yard cleanups/weeding
★ curb-side vacuuming
★ gutter cleaning
★ lawn repairs/topsoil
★ prof window cleaning
★ premium mowing
On a budget? **SAVE BIG!**



"THE BEST A LITTLE MONEY CAN BUY"
Discounts! Reliable! Insured!
References! **FREE estimates!**
Since 1995

Joe Merenda Landscaping
Services, Inc.
(585) 872-4118
www.JMLSinc.com

Leo Center
for Caring

Compassionate Hospice
and Palliative Care at
St. Ann's Community



Expert care your loved one needs...

So you can focus on spending
precious time - together.

(585) 697-6311
1500 Portland Avenue, Rochester

FALVO
UNERAL HOME INC.

Richard Falvo,
Michael Falvo,
Mark Falvo
& Christopher Falvo

1295 Fairport
9 Mile Pt. Rd. (Rt. 250)
Webster • (New Location)
1395 North Goodman Street
872-1010

Too Sick for Mass?

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered
right to your inbox!
www.parishesonline.com

