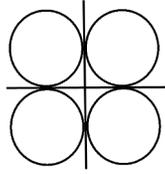


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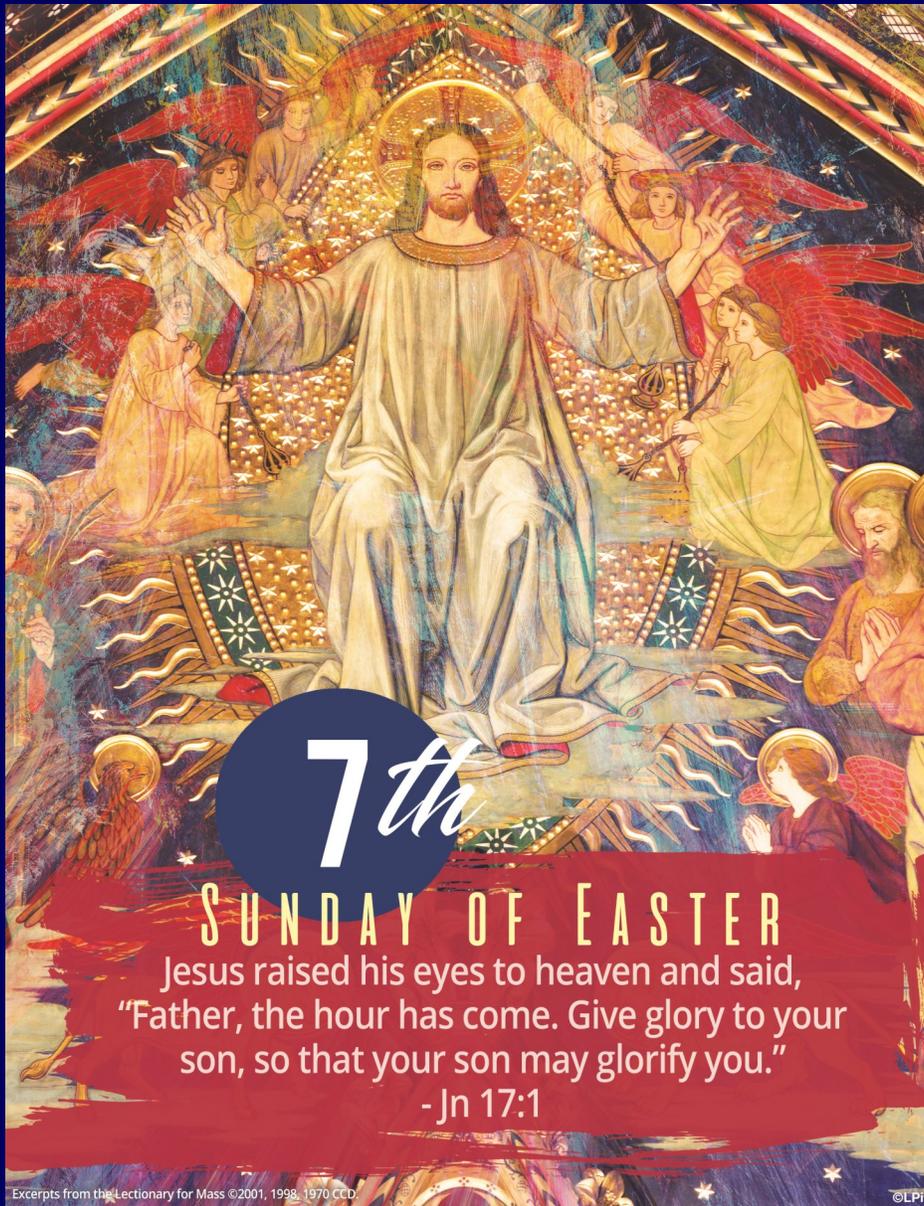


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**May 24, 2020 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

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,  
"Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your  
son, so that your son may glorify you."

- Jn 17:1

## How To Pray the Rosary

1. Begin by making the sign of the cross.
2. Holding the crucifix pray the Apostles' Creed
3. On the first bead pray the Our Father
4. On the next three beads pray the Hail Mary.
5. On the last bead pray the Glory Be.
6. Announce the first mystery and pray one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's and the Glory Be. The Fatima Prayer is optional.
7. Repeat until the five decades are prayed.
8. Pray the Hail, Holy Queen.
9. Finish by making the Sign of the Cross.

## Stay Connected!



Lots of additional information is available on **St. Paul's web site**, [stpaulsrcc.org](http://stpaulsrcc.org). Below are a few important items you might want to check out:

- Watch Sunday Mass
- Read the weekly bulletin
- Learn something new in the Family Zone Newsletter
- Stay up to date with information from Catholic Relief Services
- Donate online
- Contact a staff member
- Get the latest updates on re-scheduled events after the quarantine.

## Parish Staff



**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau  
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## Office Contact Info

The staff is working remotely when possible. The best way to get a hold of us is via our email addresses above. If you cannot send an email and would prefer to call the office please do so and leave a message for Jodie x21 and she will forward the message along to the staff member you are trying to reach.

**Phone:** 671- 2100  
**Emergency Number:** 369-9687  
**Website:** [www.stpaulsrcc.org](http://www.stpaulsrcc.org)  
**Diocese of Rochester:** [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org)

## Financial Snapshot

	April 2020	July 2019 - April 2020
Collections	\$46,690	\$456,070
Donations/ other revenue	\$26,548	\$78,819
Expenses	\$(46,149)	\$(524,769)
Operating surplus/deficit	\$27,089	\$10,120

April donations/other revenue includes \$25,000 challenge match donation. Thank you to our "challengers" and all who helped us meet the challenge! YTD collections include Christmas collection of \$16,938 and Easter collection \$10,222 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  
 Mary Alice Rieger  
 From  
 Fred & Tyna Beerse

## Breath of Spring



I am, like many of you, a creature of habit. My early morning consists of a brisk walk with my dog Tootsie; then sipping a steaming cup of coffee from my favorite mug while sitting in my very comfy recliner; and settling in for morning prayer as I gaze out the windows of the "Adirondack Room", otherwise known as the four season porch of our home.

I love nature. Observing the seasonal changes taking place in my garden as I pray each morning, fills me with awe and gratitude for the sheer miracle of it all. These past months however, with the endless winter weather, gray skies, bone chilling winds, and frostbit mornings nearly did me in. I felt enveloped in the downward spiral of the viral atmosphere; teased by one glorious sunny day followed by the same old, same old gray damp, cold. Trapped in what seems an eternal winter!

I was in this state of mind as I reflected on last Tuesday's readings. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Silas traveled to the city of Philippi, to preach the message of Jesus and gain believers. During the visit, they were attacked by a crowd and brought before the city magistrates. After being

beaten, they were thrown into an innermost cell of the jail with their feet chained to a stake. Talk about being trapped!

Their faith in God ever fervent, Paul and Silas prayed and sang hymns to God late into the evening. Miraculously, an earthquake shook the entire foundation of the jail, freeing the men of their chains. Terrified, the jailer asks, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" "Believe in the Lord Jesus...", was Paul's reply. The jailer and his entire household found salvation!

In the Gospel reading from John, Jesus speaks to His disciples who are feeling abandoned because He will soon be going back to His Father. He tells them, "...because I told you this, grief has filled your hearts. But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you."

The wonderful commentary on the readings by Lynn Elizabeth Meadows, OSB, both lifted my malaise and affirmed my feelings. Titled "The Rustling of Hearts" she relates the emotions of the characters in the readings with the seasons of the year. Autumn and winter are seasons of relinquishment and abandonment. During those seasons it can be hard to envision springtime or summer. The disciples might have felt winter in their hearts as they contemplated life without Jesus. "Yet in Jesus going, the way was cleared for the Spirit to stir, rustling their hearts like new leaves on a springtime tree."

Sr. Lynn equates the newfound faith of the jailer to springtime in full bloom. As the chains are shaken from Paul and Silas, "flowers blossom in the heart of the jailer and his household. 'Believe' is what Paul told the jailer he must do. Belief is at the heart of surrender, the belief that when leaves fall, spring will follow, and that when Jesus goes, the Holy Spirit will come."

Thank you, Sr. Lynn for the reminder that now during this unforgettable time, we should all "examine our hearts and let any residual winter melt away so that when the Spirit comes in its fullness, our hearts can rustle like new leaves in springtime, leading us to the full stature of mature disciples of Jesus."

*Oh Breathe on me, Thou Breath of God, fill me with life anew...*

*Bonnie*

## Giving Options

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<sup>+</sup>** 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**

# Class of 2020

*Reach  
for the  
Stars  
Follow  
your dreams*

**Congratulations to you on your graduation. We are so very proud of you and wish you the very best that life has to offer!**

## Blessing of Graduates

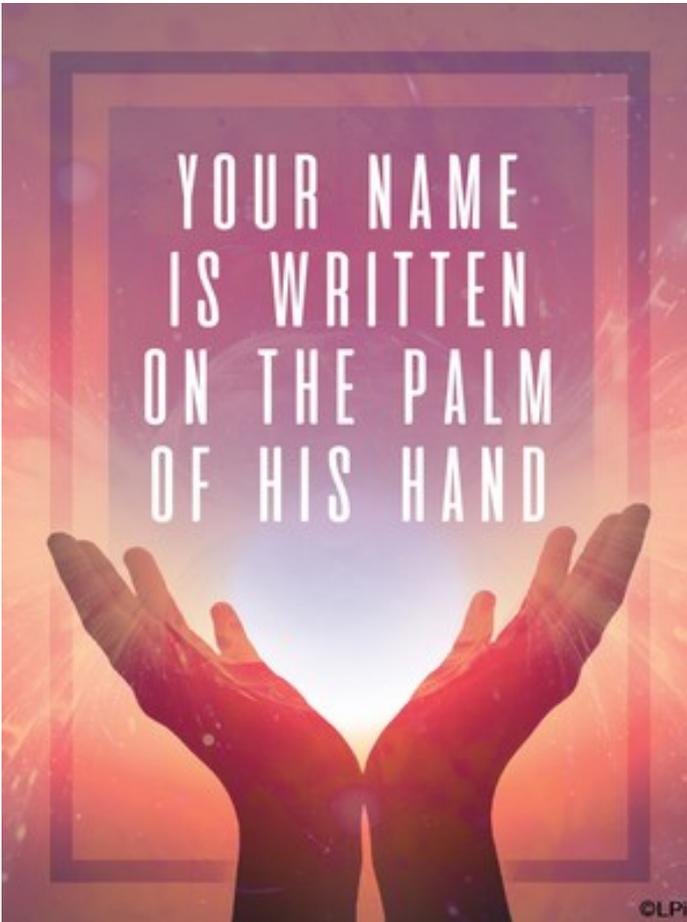
Gracious and Loving God,  
We ask, now, for your almighty hand to be upon our graduates as they and their families celebrate this grand milestone.

May they find comfort from our community's continued embrace and support as they journey through life. Bless their lives from this day on with goodness and success.

Enable them to stay true to their dreams for your greater glory, to discern what is right, good and just, and to use their gifts wisely and in service to others.

Empower them to walk into the future with faith, hope, and great love guided by your light so that they may use their talents to, in the words of St. Ignatius Loyola, "Go forth and set the world on fire." Grace be to them, grace be to us all.

Amen.



### Red Cross Blood Drive

The Webster Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd from 12:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eastside Family YMCA located at 1835 Fairport Nine Mile Point Rd. in Penfield. Donors can schedule an appointment online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) by searching the sponsor keyword: WebsterCommunity.



### 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](mailto: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

### 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.**

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer. (Acts 1:14a)

### PSALM:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 27) or Alleluia

### SECOND READING:

Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. (1 Pt 4:13)

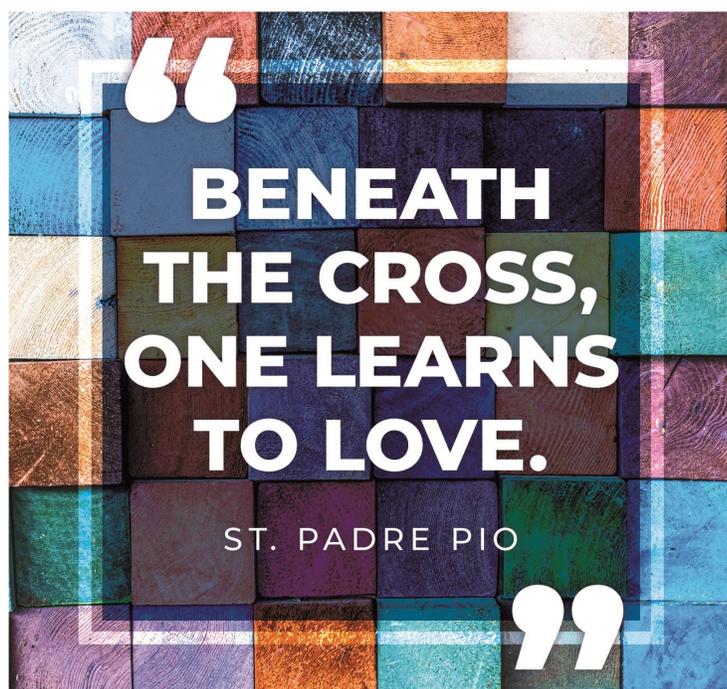
### GOSPEL:

"I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began." (Jn 17:4-5)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

- Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
- Monday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin; Memorial Day
- Tuesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Those closest to Jesus in his life gathered together in the immediate aftermath of his resurrection and ascension. What sort of mixed emotions do you think they experienced?

### SECOND READING

Peter encourages those who suffer for the faith to "glorify God." When have you experienced this type of redemptive suffering?

### GOSPEL READING

At the conclusion of his farewell discourse, Jesus offers a prayer of petition to the Father for his disciples. How do you find Jesus' words comforting?