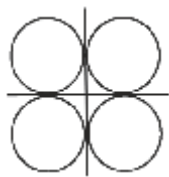


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783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

May 30, 2021 The Most Holy Trinity

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.

Confession

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

Weekday Masses

No daily Mass or Adoration of the
 Blessed Sacrament in the
 month of June

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday (closed for the lunch hour
 from 12:00-12:45 p.m.) Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Open for visitors daily 8:00 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 31**

*The Visitation of the Blessed
 Virgin Mary*
Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed
 No Morning Mass

Tuesday, June 1

St. Justin, Martyr
 No Morning Mass

Wednesday, June 2**Weekday**

No Morning Mass
 No Adoration of the Blessed
 Sacrament

Thursday, June 3

*St. Charles Lwanga &
 Companions, Martyrs*
 No Morning Mass

Friday, June 4**Weekday**

No Mass or events

Saturday, June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
 2:00P Individual Confession
 4:00P Mass

Sunday, June 6

*The Most Holy Body & Blood of
 Christ*
 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**

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Seeds for the Journey

Last week we learned that over fifty doctors in India had recently died in a single day from the COVID-19 virus, bringing the death toll of doctors in India to over a thousand as of this writing. Currently India has the fastest growing positivity rate in the world and is second only to the U.S. in total cases.

As the death and positivity rates in the U.S. continue to decline, those numbers in many developing countries continue to increase, exacerbating the plight of those already suffering from conditions of poverty, unemployment, hunger and thirst. Sadly, while we in the U.S. argue over the wearing of masks and the efficacy of getting a vaccine, developing countries, where hospitals are overwhelmed and whole families are dying, are begging for the vaccines many here refuse to take.

While the plight of our sisters and brothers around the world may seem beyond our reach, one of the easiest and most effective things we can do to help is to advocate. Simply put, advocacy is the process of supporting a cause. With respect to an elected official, advocacy involves encouraging that individual to support or change a policy or write a new law. To that end, we can help our struggling sisters and brothers around the world by asking our elected officials to support poverty-reducing international development and humanitarian assistance in the Fiscal Year 2022 federal budget. Though it comprises only 0.5% of the federal budget, humanitarian assistance supports emergency relief (e.g., COVID-19) while also addressing the root causes of poverty, hunger, and forced migration.

Federal international humanitarian assistance is a major source of funding for organizations such as Catholic Relief Services. As a partner of the U.S. government in the application of international assistance CRS is currently working to improve the lives of 250 million people in over 100 countries. Moreover, CRS is actively working in 50 countries, including India, to alleviate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. These efforts include providing COVID awareness training; personal protective equipment; sanitation, hygiene, and medical supplies; mental health support for health care workers; and micro-financing loans that help businesses recover so that laborers can return to work and once again provide for the needs of their families. CRS is also helping to feed families by offering cash assistance to cover basic food needs, as well as take-home food rations for teachers and school children.

We can help our sisters and brothers around the world struggling with the effects of COVID-19 by advocating for humanitarian assistance in the Fiscal Year 2022 federal budget. One simple way to do that is by sending letters to our elected officials. This, in fact, was one of the projects of St. Paul's 2021 Confirmation class in which the students learned about Catholic Social Teaching, global poverty, and advocacy. The end result was a personal letter from each student to one of our Senators asking for support for international humanitarian assistance. We can all follow the example of these wonderful students.

So, you might be wondering, how do I write an advocacy letter? Well the answer is very simple, literally. Keep your letter brief, to the point, and respectful. After addressing your representative, identify yourself, your Catholic affiliation, and your purpose for writing, e.g., your concern for those suffering from poverty, hunger, etc., and the compounding effects of COVID-19. Follow this by asking support for poverty-reducing international development and humanitarian assistance in Fiscal Year 2022. Conclude your letter with a thank you for their attention to the issues you raised.

For your convenience you will find sample letters on the St. Paul's website (stpaulsrcc.org/Social Justice/Advocacy) that you are free to copy. There will also be a similar letter in next week's Seeds article. A wealth of information can also be found on the CRS website: <https://www.crs.org/get-involved/advocate-poor>. Below are the addresses of our two local Senators. May the Spirit of peace and love be with you as you embark on this endeavor.

The Honorable Kristen Gillibrand
U.S. Senate
100 State St. #4195
Rochester, NY 14614

Deacon Mark

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
U.S. Senate
100 State St. #3040
Rochester, NY 14614

Important Parish Office Update

Beginning June 1st, the office and building will be open for visitors daily from 8:00 to noon. Please ring the bell by the office door to be buzzed in. Masks are still required in the building.

Summer Office Hours

Monday –Thursday:
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and
12:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to
12:00 p.m.

Bethany House Wish List for June



- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Mac & cheese
- ◆ Canned fruit
- ◆ Disinfectant sprays



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.

Staff Update

As of Monday, May 17th, Tom McGary is no longer the organist for St. Paul's. We have begun a search for his replacement and, in the meantime, are utilizing substitute organists.

We thank Tom for his years of service to St. Paul's and wish him the best in his next endeavors.

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!

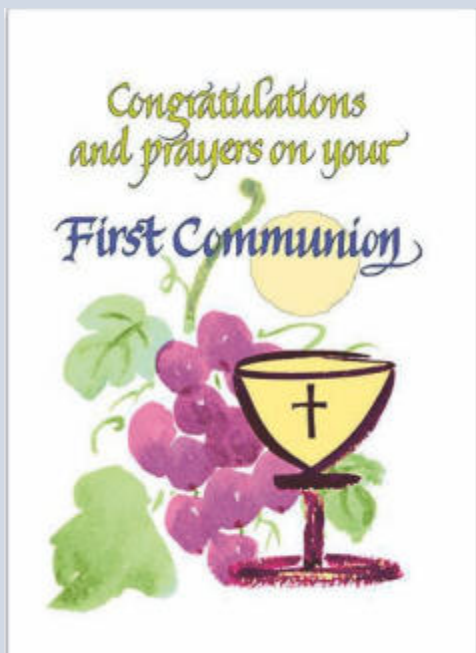


Undie Sunday June 12 & 13

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 kid's 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!



Congratulations to:
Ellery Decker
 who is celebrating the
 Sacrament of First Holy
 Communion this weekend.



**Chicken BBQ at
 St. Paul's - I'll
 put this on my
 calendar so I
 don't forget**

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

**Friday, June 18, 2021
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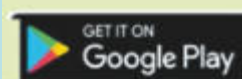
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 Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah House

585-328-3228 x1555

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

Or by email, victimassistance@dor.org

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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:

This is why you must now know,
and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God
in the heavens above and on earth below,
and that there is no other. (Dt 4:39)

PSALM:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

SECOND READING:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you received a Spirit of adoption,
through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:14-15)

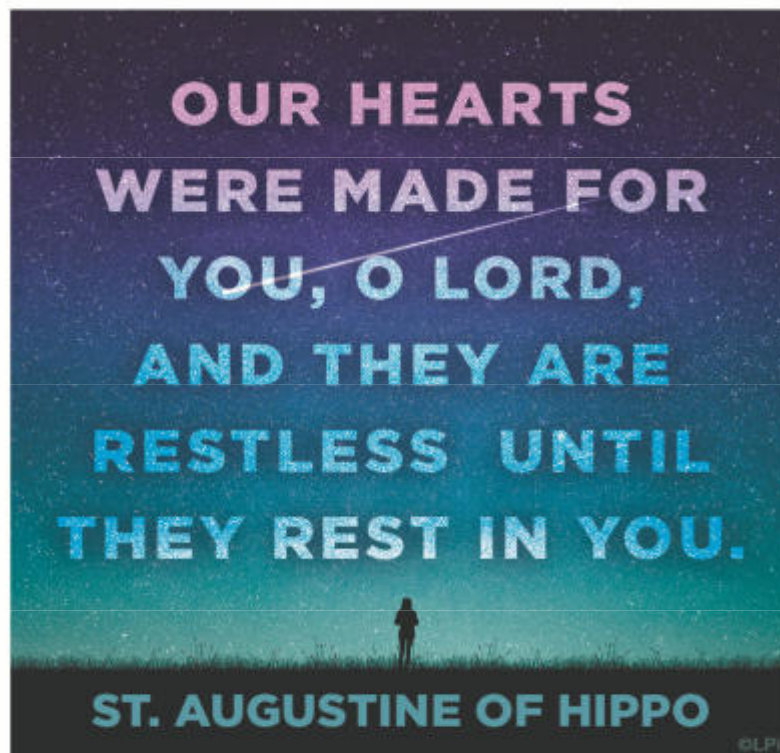
GOSPEL:

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:16)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 30, 2021

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
Monday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Memorial Day
Tuesday: St. Justin, Martyr
Wednesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



REFLECT

FIRST READING

In the closing remarks of the speech delivered to the Israelites in the desert, Moses reflects on God's fidelity and love for them. In return for God's favor, the Israelites are instructed to keep God's statutes and commandments. Why do you think so many people are resistant to this divine expectation?

SECOND READING

Paul sees the Holy Spirit as integral to our identity as "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." How do you sense our Triune God at work in your life?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today the closing words in the Gospel of Matthew — Jesus' final commissioning of the disciples to evangelize and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What insights to the nature of God does this divine relationship offer?

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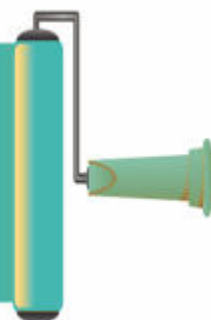


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