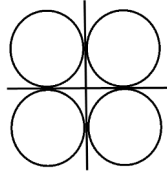


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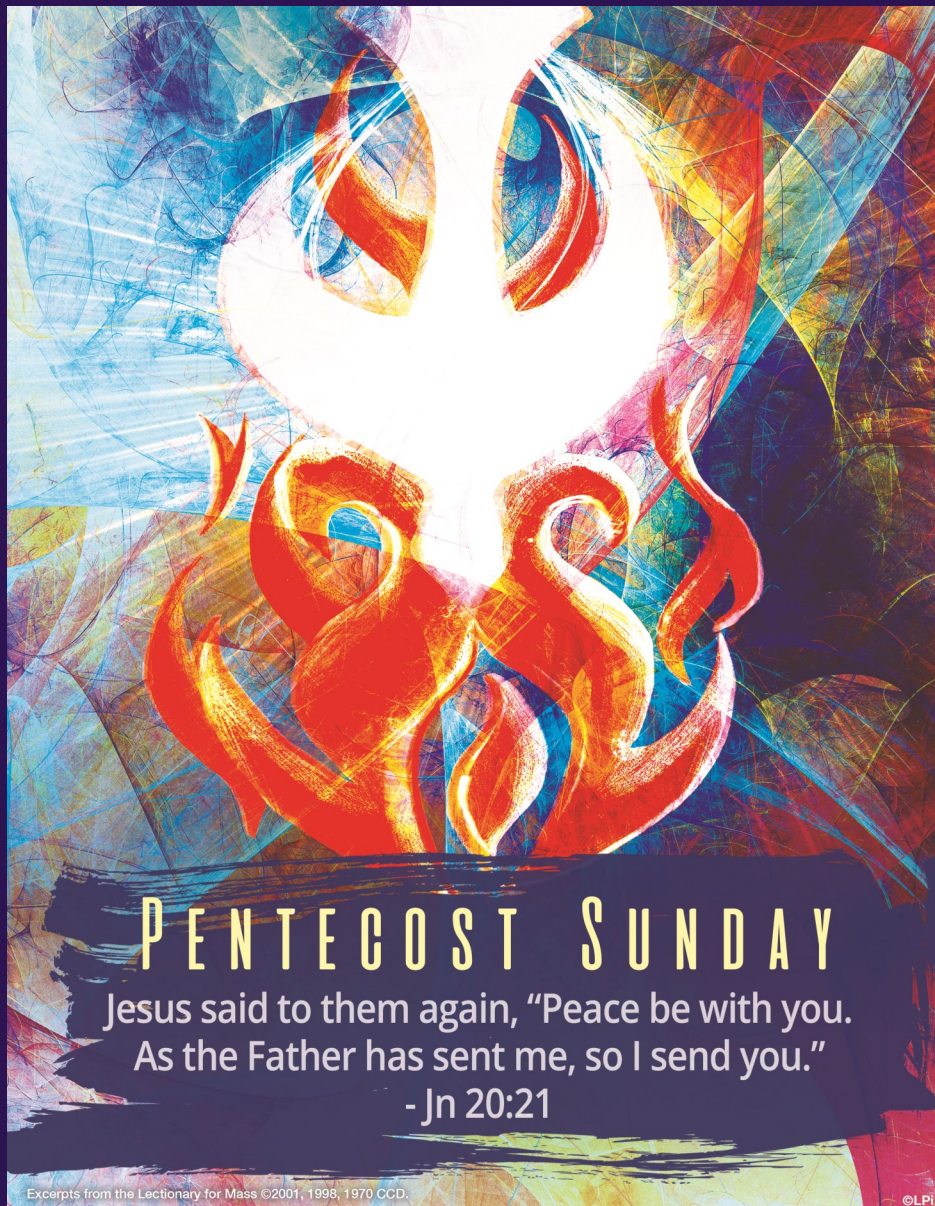


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

May 31, 2020 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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

- Jn 20:21

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Stay Connected!



Lots of additional information is available on **St. Paul's web site**, 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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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
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Website: www.stpaulsrcc.org
Diocese of Rochester: 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
 John & Agnes Dillon
 From
 The Dillon family

Seeds for the Journey

"New Life, New Spirit" **A Reflection by Fr. Ron Rolheiser**

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost—the event that marks the birth of the church when, after Jesus' ascension, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples while they were gathered in the Upper Room. Jesus sent them the Comforter, the Advocate to abide with them, just as he had promised. The disciples found they could speak in every native tongue and went forward to fulfill the commission of Jesus to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to pass onto others everything Jesus had taught them. We know what this event has meant for the church, but we don't often think about what it means for our own personal path of discipleship.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, is a prolific author and speaker on matters of Christian spirituality. He wrote the following reflection for Pentecost, published in the May 2020 edition of the daily devotional, *Give Us This Day*. In it, he looks at Pentecost through a more personal lens.

"One of the reasons we're sometimes deeply restless and frustrated is that our life is often out of sync with its proper spirit. We haven't let Pentecost happen.

Pentecost is part of a cycle of life that has five moments: *Good Friday*, *Easter*, *The Forty Days*, *Ascension*, and *Pentecost*. We understand Pentecost only when it's seen as the culmination of the other four moments. It works like this: On *Good Friday*, life is lost; on *Easter*, new life is received; during the *Forty Days*, the disciples adjust to a new presence of Jesus; at the *Ascension*, the disciples let go of the Jesus they once had; and at *Pentecost*, they receive a new spirit for the life they're now living.

And that's the cycle too within our own lives. We need, constantly, to *accept our deaths, receive the new life that's then given us, grieve our losses, let go of the old*, and then *receive the spirit for the actual life we're living*.

Pentecost is an ongoing, lifelong mystery. We suffer many losses—loss of youth, loss of health, loss of loved ones, loss of wholeness, and the loss of countless things that are precious to us. Yet, we're never dead! We're always given new life. But if we are trying to live that new life with our former spirit, we will find ourselves deeply out of sorts. We need Pentecost, daily, in our lives. It harmonizes our life with its proper spirit."

May God bless us all with a new spirit for the actual life we're now living.

Sue



Here is an update on where we are at St. Paul's and how things look for reopening.

We very much want to get back to public Mass - and to work from our offices here - but we want to do it safely. There are recommendations to follow from New York state, the CDC, the Monroe County Health Department, and the Diocese. Given the uncertainties of the current situation, the guidelines have been changing frequently and are sometimes conflicting. At this time, we are told every parish needs to arrange a plan for how to limit admittance to 10 people but may later have to impose further restrictions in the event of an outbreak in the local community. So, we have to be careful and follow all necessary diocesan policies and guidelines.

Based on the best information available, we are currently working on preparing for reopening, when permitted as well as when we feel we can do it safely. There are many details to consider and work out.

1. We have set chairs in the church spacing for physical distancing 6 feet apart from each other in all directions (in normal time our church seating capacity is permitted 488 people; after configuration, the new normal is 48 people).
2. Worship aids (we have removed from chairs and put away the hymnals; due to the research that shows singing expels significantly more aerosolized particles of virus than speaking, congregational singing is limited; choirs will not be possible during this transitory period).
3. We have ordered more cleaning and disinfection supplies.
4. We have put more hand sanitizer at the entrances of the church.
5. Holy Water in Baptismal font is emptied and will remain empty and there are many other things that are all being looked at.

When our parish does reopen to resume Masses with the faithful present, please be advised that those attending Mass MUST bring and wear their own face masks and sanitize their hands at the entrance of the church. We shall not pass collection baskets. People will put their money in cash or envelopes for offertory in the two collection boxes or the Donation slot at the wall. I encourage parishioners to give online and be generous as we continue to support St. Paul's parish.

More details will be announced via the web site, bulletin, Facebook, and twitter as well as via parish email. If you are able, please keep updated on parish current events through one of these media sites. If you do not have access to any of these, please let us know and we will add you to our phone list to be notified in that manner.

We will continue to stream Mass online after we reopen to assist those who remain at home. Please know that the obligation of a Catholic to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended until further notice. If you do not feel comfortable attending mass when we reopen or are in a high-risk category, please stay home and use live stream mass instead.

If you have any questions, please contact Jodie at jodie.hickey@dor.org or Robin at robin.martz@dor.org or call the office at 671-2100 and leave a message. We miss you all and hope you are healthy and safe.

Fr. Paul

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
You have taught the hearts of Your faithful.
In the same Spirit help us to relish what is
right and always rejoice in Your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Father's Day Memorials/Flowers



We are continuing our tradition of offering Father's Day flower memorials this year. We will print the names in the bulletin and also online on our website.

Since there is no envelope in the packet, you may either mail the info and a check to church (or put it in the drop box) or donate through our web site. Or email Robin at robin.martz@dor.org or Jodie at Jodie.hickey@dor.org with the info and just send a check later. Please include who the memorial is for as well as who it is from. Even though we can't be together for Father's Day, we will be joined by our prayers!

A Good Chuckle!

As we know I have had my own fair share of typos and bloopers in our bulletin. It's nice to know that I'm not alone. Here are few of the funniest church bulletin bloopers to make your day.

Keep smiling,
Jodie

1. Ushers will eat latecomers.
2. Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.
3. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
4. Don't let worry kill you off—let the church help.
5. A bean supper will be held in the church on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.



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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

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:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

PSALM:

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

SECOND READING:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

GOSPEL:

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (Jn 20:22-23)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2020

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday:	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Norbert, Bishop



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The birth of the Church occurs with the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles. Luke presents this as an experience of unity. How do you see your faith community promoting unity of mind and spirit?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks to the Christians in Corinth of the gifts and benefits of the Holy Spirit for believers. What Spirit-driven gifts do you possess?

GOSPEL READING

John tells us how the resurrected Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit directly to the disciples, empowering them to forgive sins. How often do you use the gift of forgiveness?