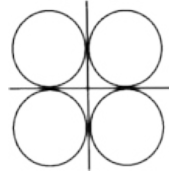


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**May 5, 2024 Sixth 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.



## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”  
- Jn 15:16-17

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### Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &  
Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

### Confession

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

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

### Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  
**WEEKLY**  
*Sneak Peek*

**Monday, May 6**  
**Easter Weekday**  
 8:30A Mass

**Tuesday, May 7**  
**Easter Weekday**  
 8:30A Mass with anointing  
 12:00P Rosary Group

**Wednesday, May 8**  
**Easter Weekday**  
 8:30A Mass  
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00P Choir rehearsal  
 7:00P Good Sam Outreach mtg.

**Thursday, May 9**  
**Ascension of the Lord**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
 8:30A Mass  
 6:30P Mass

**Friday, May 10**  
**Easter Weekday**  
 No Mass

**Saturday, May 11**  
**Easter Weekday**  
 2:00P Confession  
 4:00P Mass

**Sunday, May 12**  
**7th Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**  
 9:00A Mass  
 10:00A SOR classes  
 10:00A Confirmation Prep class for yr. 1  
 11:00A Mass



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**Office Hours**

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday  
 (closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)

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**Financial Snapshot**

	March 2024	July-March 2024
Collections	\$34,106	\$389,068
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,246	\$46,479
Expenses	\$40,176	\$392,856
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(3,825)	\$42,690

**Let Us Pray  
 for Those in the Military**

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
Bryan Gross	Cydney Blong
Tom Weisenreder	Michael J. Desiato
Mason Serrano	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the  
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
 Bob Buckert  
 From  
 Lisa Manuele*

# Seeds for the Journey

## Christ has Chosen Us

We are celebrating the sixth Sunday of Easter. We have just two weeks left for the Easter season. Yes, *tempus fugit* (time flies). Easter Sunday was like yesterday, but the reality is that we are approaching two important feasts celebrated towards the end of the Easter Season. On Thursday, the entire Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This solemn feast is celebrated 40 days after Easter. In two Sundays, we shall celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in the Solemnity of the Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday is usually considered as the birthday of the Church. It also marks the end of the Easter Season.

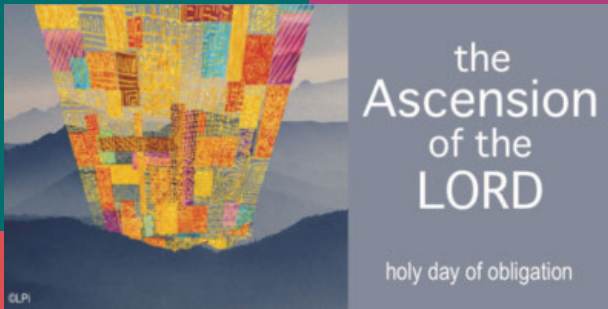
The Gospel reading of today's Liturgy talks about the commandment to love one another as God as loved us. We call this in theology the double love command. My Master's thesis in theology was partially focused on this. What is love? The angelic doctor, St Thomas Aquinas, defines love as effectively willing the good of another. If I love someone, I will always will the good for that person even if it comes at my detriment. That is the challenge Jesus is giving us. Because Jesus loves us so much, He does not call us slaves but friends. As His friends, Christ has commissioned us to go out and bear fruit. Christ tells each and every one of us: "it was not you who chose me but I who chose you and appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last." This is also a challenge to remain faithful to Him by what we say, do our act.

By our Baptism Christ has called each of us and has commissioned us to go and be His disciples in the world. Our daily activities and interactions are supposed to mirror that call to discipleship. The commissioning by Christ for His disciples to go out and bear fruit and to love one another, fits perfectly with our parish celebrations today. Those from our parish who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday will receive their Confirmation certificates during the 9am Mass this Sunday. At the 11am Mass on Sunday, 9 children will receive their First Holy Communion. It will be the very first time they will receive the Body of Jesus. By receiving Communion, they too are called to be Jesus to the world. Even though they offered themselves up to receive these sacraments, it is God who takes the initiative and calls each one by name. Let us pray for these 18 parishioners that by receiving these sacraments, they may recommit their lives to Jesus and continue to configure themselves to Him. May they love one another as God loves them and may they go out and bear fruit.

Come Holy Spirit; Do not delay!

*Anselm*





the  
Ascension  
of the  
LORD

holy day of obligation

Thursday, May 9th

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

**Rosary Group**



You are invited to join the Rosary Group for weekly prayer every Tuesday, at Noon in the worship area. All are welcome.



*May the Month of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary*

All praise and glory are Yours, almighty Father:  
You have given us Your Son Jesus to save  
us from sin.

We praise You for choosing Mary to be His mother,  
for teaching her to believe Your message,  
for helping her to accept Your holy will.

Strengthen us by Your Spirit to be like Mary:  
to ponder Your word in our hearts,  
to obey Your will, to love Your Son,  
to sing Your praises every day.

Father, we praise You through Jesus Christ Your Son  
in the love of Your Spirit,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.



**St. Paul's Night with the  
Rochester Red Wings**



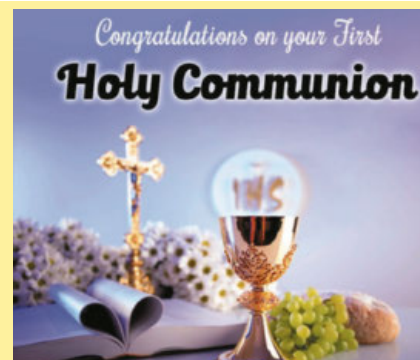
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Keisha Bindal	Myles Gross
Olivia Black	Demi LeCesse
Leo Black	Ava Pumputis
Dominic Cozzo	Santino Sutter
Giuliana DiPaola	

### Everyday Stewardship

"Get Together" was a popular song in 1967 by the Youngbloods. I was not alive when the song was released, but it was a song I played frequently learning how to play guitar when I was younger. The song called for all of us to come together and "try to love one another right now." It was a song that came out in the Vietnam War era and during somewhat of a hippie revolution, but perhaps the words belong to no real moment in time. They are simply the commands of Jesus.

Sometimes we minimize the power of love by cute pop songs and slogans that mean little without action. However, we can never underestimate the power of love. Love can tear down barriers between people, change tears to laughter, and mend relationships torn apart by sin.

No option exists for disciples of Jesus Christ to not love others. Not only are we commanded to do so, but love is a gift we must pass on freely. If we give of our time, talent, and treasure, but choose not to love, we cannot claim to be truly committed disciples and good stewards. As this Easter season draws ever closer to an end, we must allow our love to bear witness to the source of all love, the Risen Jesus. This is our calling until, as the words of the Youngbloods' song states, "the one who left us here returns for us at last."

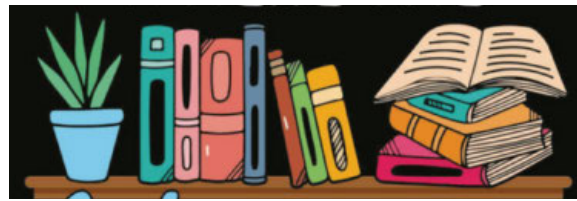
~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### Saint of the Week

St. Cyril of Jerusalem was a bishop in the fourth century. His teachings on the Eucharist, among other topics, secured his place as a Doctor of the Church. Though his ministry was marked by estrangement, exile, and ultimately, reconciliation, he never lost his faith!

## From the John Walsh Library



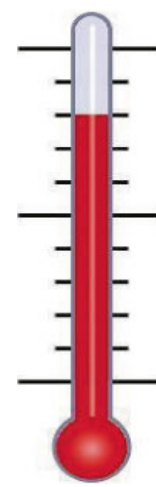
### Harper, George Lea

#### Living with Dying

George Harper, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, had lived with cancer for many years. His cancer had no viable cure; he knew it would probably kill him at an early age. He also knew that many people were like him, living with a chronic major illness. So he wrote this book to demonstrate what role Christian faith plays in the lives of those who are living with dying. Through endless rounds of chemotherapy, hospitalizations, low blood counts, and periodic CAT scans, Reverend Harper was forced to confront his own mortality, keep his life in perspective, and focus on each day, one at a time. He drew comfort from reading the gospels, especially about Jesus' creative living in the shadow of the cross. Sadly, he passed away at the age of 48. (Call no. 362.1-HAR)



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## Ministry Schedule for May 11 & 12, 2024

If **TBD or Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
<b>Cantors</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>EMHC</b>	Sue Dettman Trisha DeBacco	Mary Beth Speicher Josephine Cozzo	Anne LaClair Karen Napoli
<b>Greeters</b>	Julie Shick Forest Shick	DA Hutnick Pat Amedeo	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> Ellen Santora
<b>Lectors</b>	Margie Richardson	Josephine Cozzo	Marcia Kusse
<b>Linens</b>	No linen pick up this week		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Olbrich family	Jane Adams	Connie Gurske
<b>Stream Team</b>	John Kosel	Lou Rotundo	Chris Yuskiw
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Don Black <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>



Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parishes. Inspire men to imitate Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Send them as labors for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us.  
St. John Fisher, pray for us.  
St. John Vianney, pray for us.

### Rochester Hope May Wish List

Good Sam Outreach has set up a new recipient for our monthly food donations. Rochester Hope is in deep need of St. Paul's assistance as they provide food to their community in need. Beginning in May we will add Rochester Hope to our monthly rotation along with Webster Hope. Please see the list below of their needs for the month of May.

Diapers	Toilet paper
Baby formula	Paper towels
Toothbrushes	Peanut butter
Toothpaste	Jelly
Soap	Can opener
Shampoo	Favorite snack or cookies

Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex before or after Mass. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations on a regular basis. Thank you so much for your generosity.





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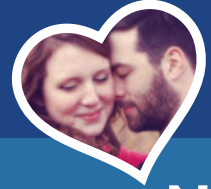
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