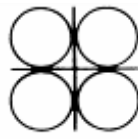


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

## November 17, 2019 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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.



### NOVEMBER 17TH THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

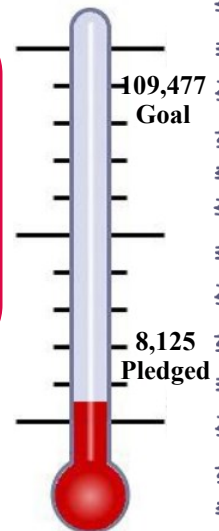
First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a  
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

### NOVEMBER 24TH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20  
Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

## CMA Update As of November 11, 2019

Your CMA gift supports ministries that affect every Catholic in our Diocese. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's in this year's campaign.



**7.42%**  
of our goal

### Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

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

### Weekday Masses

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Friday-Communion Service 8:30 a.m.

### Individual Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m. or by appointment

## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, November 16

#### Weekday

9:30A Prayer Shawl  
3:00P Individual Confession  
4:00P Mass

### Sunday, November 17

#### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00A Mass-Baptism of Eric Steven Hart  
9:00A CLOW  
Coffee & Donuts  
9:30A Confirmation Prep Yr. 1  
10:00A SOAR  
11:00A Mass-CLOW  
Coffee & Donuts  
12:10A Confirmation Prep Yr. 2  
6:00P Youth Group

### Monday, November 18

#### Weekday

8:00A Rosary  
8:30A Mass  
10:00A Library Workday  
4:30P SOAR  
7:00P Parish Pastoral Council

### Tuesday, November 19

#### Weekday

8:00A Rosary  
8:30A Mass  
9:15A Coffee & Catholicism  
1:15P Faith Sharing Group

### Wednesday, November 20

#### Weekday

8:00A Rosary  
8:30A Mass  
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
1:30P St. Paul's Book Club  
7:00P Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 21

#### Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00A Rosary  
8:30A Mass  
1:30P Grief Sharing Group  
7:00P Companions In Grief Support Group

### Friday, November 22

#### St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

8:00A Rosary  
8:30A Communion Service

### Saturday, November 23

#### Weekday

#### Food Collection

9:30A Prayer Shawl  
3:00P Individual Confession  
4:00P Mass

## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau x29 fr.paul.gitau@dor.org  
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**Parish Council Vice-Chair:** Paul Pumputis  
**Parish Trustees:** Deb Urtz-Gleason & Dave Galeazzo  
**Multi Parish Finance Director:**  
 Joan Sullivan: 671-1100 x21 joan.sullivan@dor.org

## Office Hours

8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday (closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)  
**Phone:** 671- 2100  
**Fax Number:** 787-8907  
**Emergency Number:** 369-9687  
**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org  
**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org

We warmly welcome all new parishioners and visitors to St. Paul's. To register please fill out a "request for registration" form available at all church entrances. Return it to the donations slot at the back of the church or to the parish office. A member of our pastoral staff will contact you to complete your registration.



## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	October 2019	July 2019- October 2019
Weekly Collections	\$33,946	\$146,769
Donations / Other Revenue	\$3,514	\$19,198
Expenses	\$(48,981)	\$(207,715)
Operating surplus (deficit)	<u><b>\$(11,521)</b></u>	<u><b>\$(41,748)</b></u>

Average Weekly Mass Attendance

487

465

St. Paul Church relies on the generous contributions of our parishioners to continue providing the programs and ministries of the parish.



This week the flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of  
 Mary & Wilfred Elliott  
 From  
 Family



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
 Jeanette VerSchage  
 From  
 Husband, Ronald

## *Seeds for the Journey*

### When We Sing – We Pray!

The choir is known as the "OK Chorale." (*Redneck Humor*) - Why do we need a choir in our Catholic Liturgy at all? It is a question that often floats through the air on the wings of song. At times the choir, within the congregation of the faithful and as part of it, will assume the role of leadership, while at other times it will retain its own distinctive ministry. Thus, a well-trained choir adds beauty and solemnity to the liturgy and also assists and encourages singing of the congregation. According to the apostle St. Paul (the namesake of our Church here in Webster) the faithful who gather together to await the Lord's coming are instructed to sing psalms, hymns and inspired songs (Col 3:16). We all know that participation in the Sacred Liturgy must be **internal**, in the sense that by it the faithful join their mind and especially their heart to what they pronounce or hear and cooperate with heavenly grace. Even when listening to the various prayers and readings of the Liturgy or singing of the choir, the assembly continues to **participate actively** as they unite themselves interiorly to what the ministers or choir sing, so that by listening to them they may raise their minds to God.

At other times, the choir alone will sing works whose musical demands enlist and challenge its competence so as to further lead the heart of the congregation to help interact with the word and work of God. Thus St. Augustine says rightly: "**To sing belongs to lovers.**" We are lovers of our God! Choirs spend a lot of time and energy to be lovers of God and to help you move yourself in that direction. We still have too many of our congregations who do not sing to show their love of God.

In addition to its role in leading the singing of the lovers of God, the choir performs its ministry by singing alone. Appropriate times when the choir might commonly sing alone include a prelude before Mass, the entrance chant, the preparation of the gifts, an anthem during Communion procession or after the reception of Communion and the recessional. **Choir members**, like all liturgical ministers, exercise their ministry with evident faith and participate in the entire liturgical celebration, recognizing that they are **servants** of the liturgy and **members** of the gathered assembly.

Your choir here at St. Paul are "Lovers" and at the present are undergoing change. You may have noticed that our number of members are down. We have had people move from the parish and/or have put their service to different projects in the Parish. On behalf of the St. Paul Choir I am asking you to consider joining the Choir. If you have sung in the choir before, or maybe a high school or college choir, or a choir in another parish we would sincerely like to ask you in the words of St. Augustine to join our **Singing Lovers** in the service of God and the parish. It is hard work, but all of the members of the parish choir enjoy their work and service to the Parish. I would like to close with some words of St. Augustine which reminds us of our pilgrimage: "You should sing as wayfarers do-sing but continue your journey. Do not be lazy, but sing to make your journey more enjoyable. Sing, but keep going." Please feel free to contact me or any member of the choir if you would like more information. But JOIN US please! The quality of our participation in such sung praise comes less from our vocal ability than from the desire of our hearts to sing together of our love for God. Remember, participation in the Sacred Liturgy both expresses and strengthens the faith that is in us. The quality of our participation in such sung praise comes less from our vocal ability than from the desire of our hearts to sing together of our love for God. Participation in the Sacred Liturgy both expresses and strengthens the faith that is in us. On a lighter note (with Kentucky humor) the final words of the benediction are, "Y'all come back now, ya hear?" (banjo accompaniment optional).

*Tom*



### "Companions in Grief" Support Group



St. Paul's is hosting the next Companions in Grief Support Meeting on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the rooms 7 & 8. Join our Pastoral Associate, Katherine Cappuccio as she discusses "Navigating the Holidays while Grieving." All who are grieving the loss of a friend or loved one are invited to attend.

### St. Paul's Annual Giving Tree



If you see a deal on Black Friday, buy it! Our Giving Tree will be up soon.

The tags will be available beginning the weekend of November 30/December 1st. The gifts will be delivered on December 8th and December 15th.

More details to follow in next weekend's bulletin.

### Warm and Cozy Used Clothing Drive

**November 23 & 24**

**Saint's Place is in need of adult's and children's winter clothing.** Saint's Place mission is to "Welcome the Stranger" by providing clothing to newly arriving refugees. They have been assisting legal refugees from Afghanistan, Iraq, Republic of Congo, Somalia and Puerto Rico. Excess items are distributed to other local clothing closets.

Please take some time to clean out your closets. All warm clothing is needed, sweaters, boots, gloves, hats, fleece tops, sweatpants, etc.

Bring your donations to church, collection boxes will be located downstairs in the parish hall. People will be there if you need assistance.

### Thanksgiving Mass

Please join us on Thursday, November 28th at 8:30 a.m. for our Mass of Thanksgiving. Please note that the Parish Office is closed on Friday, November 29th. There is no rosary, mass and or communion service that day.



### Christmas Flowers



A Christmas Flower envelope was included in the November/December envelope packet. Please note that we changed envelope companies so the flower envelope looks different. There are also Christmas Flower envelopes at the church entrances. The memorials will be included in the Christmas bulletin.

We will use the parishioner info from the front of the envelope to note who the memorial is from, so if you want something different listed, please write that as well.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's Church". You may send it in any time, with a deadline of December 16 to be included in the bulletin.

You can also request a Christmas 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.

If you have any questions, please call Robin or Jodie at 671-2100 or email [robin.martz@dor.org](mailto:robin.martz@dor.org) or [jodie.hickey@dor.org](mailto:jodie.hickey@dor.org). Thank you!

### St. Paul's Advent Retreat "Open My Eyes To Behold You"



**Saturday, December 7**

**1:00-3:00 p.m. in rooms 7 & 8**

Deepen your encounter with God this Advent Season through Christin Art. Spark your imagination and open the eyes of your heart to better hear the divine promptings in your life.

Please register with Katherine via email: [Katherine.cappuccio@dor.org](mailto:Katherine.cappuccio@dor.org) or by calling 671-2100 x24.

## Have You Read...

### **Barron, Bishop Robert** **Letter to a Suffering Church** **(A Bishop Speaks on** **the Sexual Abuse Crisis)**

Bishop Barron, a lifelong Catholic, describes his book as a cry from the heart. The sexual abuse scandal has been for him, and for millions of Catholics, especially the victim-survivors, lacerating. He understands that his fellow Catholics are understandably demoralized, scandalized, angry beyond words, and ready to quit. But he urges his brothers and sisters in the Church to stay and fight on behalf of themselves and their families, and especially on behalf of those who have suffered. He believes there are many good reasons to criticize and be angry with the corruption, stupidity, cruelty, greed, and sexual misconduct of some of the leaders of the Church, but there is no good reason to leave the Church. No good reason to turn away from the grace of Christ in which eternal life is found. Stay and fight so that Christ will continue to be the light to the world. (Call No. 282-BAR; New)

*St. Paul's welcomes the newest  
member of our faith community  
Eric Steven Hart*



### **Archdiocese for the Military Services** **Collection Update**

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services last weekend. Our parish raised \$791.00. St. Paul's generosity has helped support pastoral care and ministry to Catholic families stationed worldwide in the U.S. Military, and Catholic patients in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers throughout the country and in Guam and Puerto Rico.

## For the Children

### **Lowry, Lois** **Crow Call**

Crow Call is the tender story of the author becoming re-acquainted with her dad after he comes back from the war. From buying her the coveted plaid shirt to eating her favorite cherry pie, this is a story for all those who have been away from their parents far too long. A real treasure which honors all dads who are veterans.

E LOW Grades 3 – 6.



### **Thank You, St. Paul's Community!**

The children and teachers of the School of Awesome Religion would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the folks of St. Paul's for their generous contributions to our Thanksgiving Service Project—the collection of food and toiletries for the people served through Hope House! You are a beautiful example to our children of how we can actually live the beatitudes assigned to us by Jesus. Thanks to you, during this holiday season, families much less fortunate than we will be able to experience the worth and dignity that is the birthright of every child of God!

### **FOOD COLLECTION**

Next weekend is our monthly Parish food collection for Bethany House, a shelter for women and children in Rochester. Place donations of any non-perishable food items, diapers (size 4-6), formula, gently used clothing for children sizes 0-5T, and paper products. All donations are collected in the large wood bin in the Narthex. Please put your donations in a reusable plastic bag or box to make it easier for our parishioners who are loading and delivering the items each month. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

## Ministry Schedule for November 23 &amp; 24, 2019

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hannah Brodt Maggie Corriveau	Luca Picca Nicola Bleier	Lucy Rynkiewicz Elena Martinez-Nobrega
<b>Ushers</b>	Arnie Read Chris Strait	Tim Thomas Bernie Schimmel Bill Isaac	Charlie & Nancy Carson
<b>Sacristans</b>	Olbrich Family	Turner Family	Barr Family
<b>Lectors Commentators</b>	Margie Richardson Dan Bower	Crissy Picca Jack Black	Jann Armantrout Kay Vargo
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Jill Cosgrove Sue Dettman Forest Shick Julie Shick Christine Grant Karen Napoli	Don Fisher Joann Fisher Christine Lyons Beth Koopman Bill Galbraith Sandy Doehler	Jim Mattiucci Joanne Mattiucci Fred Compertore Anne LaClair Larry McNamara Gina McNamara
<b>Greeters</b>	Janet Trippe Bill Galbraith <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Judy Soper Pat Amedeo Jack Black	Ellen Santroa Anne Hauber <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Linens</b>	Julie Shick		

### Music for November 16 & 17 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



How Can I Keep From Singing?

(*How Can I Keep From Singing*).....No. 685

Keep In Mind (*Lucien Deiss-1965*).....No. 646

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (*Hyfrydol*).....No. 641

How Firm A Foundation (*Foundation*).....No. 694

Readings: No. 1190

Psalm: 98 The Lord Comes To The Earth.....No. 1190

### Wine Tasting Event Wrap-Up

Our third wine tasting “fun” raiser was an enjoyable evening, attended by 53 guests. If you missed it, you missed out! Thanks to the efforts of many of St Paul’s best cooks, we enjoyed a tremendous variety of appetizers. We are very grateful for their delicious contributions to the evening.

Also thank you to those members of Pastoral Council, Finance Council, staff and other terrific volunteers who graciously helped to make this event successful. We had tickets sellers, cooks, servers, and a clean-up crew. Great job everyone! Thank you!

### 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