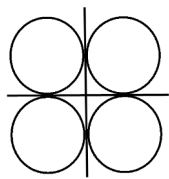


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

November 22, 2020 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.” - Mt 25:34

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Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Confession

Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.

or by appointment

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday &

Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Parish Staff



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Office Contact Info

The parish office is still closed to visitors, however we are in the office to answer phone calls on Monday-Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday & Friday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

Phone: 671- 2100

Emergency Number: 369-9687

Website: www.stpaulsrcc.org

Diocese of Rochester: www.dor.org

Upcoming Events



Wednesday, November 25

Weekday

Parish office closed at Noon

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, November 26

Weekday

Thanksgiving Day

Parish office closed

8:30 a.m. Mass (No seat reservation required)

Friday, November 27

Weekday

Parish office closed

Saturday, November 28

Weekday

2:00-3:00 p.m. Individual confession

4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Mass

Financial Snapshot

	October 2020	July 2020-October2020
Collections	\$35,172	\$140,088
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,038	\$16,305
Expenses	\$58,636	\$204,799
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(20,426)	\$(48,406)

Expenses include quarterly invoices paid in July & October.

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
Bob & Marianne Nobes

Seeds for the Journey

Grateful and Hopeful

When I learned that I'd be writing the Seeds article for the week of Thanksgiving, I worried about how I would communicate the actual feeling of gratitude. We're blessed in so many ways and grateful for so many things—health, work, education, home, food, family, and friends—but I hope you're doing better than I am in *feeling thankful*. The fear and anxiety caused by the pandemic, raging social/political unrest, and an uncertain economy sometimes feels like we're covered by a dark, wet blanket, and it's hard to feel the things of God—like gratitude and hope.

But this week I saw a little ray of hope pierce the darkness. I had the privilege of reading our Confirmation Candidates' homework, and in their writing, which was simple and raw and profound and elegant all at once, I saw a resolute faith in the goodness of the life God has given them and an unshakable hope that the future they envision will come to pass. They know it's down to them to create this future and that integral to the process is how they treat one another. Amazing.

I'd like to share with you a few excerpts from some of their answers to the question: With all the options out there, why does it matter which path you choose for your life? Bear in mind these are middle school students and we adults are not exactly handing off to them a world in good shape or well cared for:

"The path you choose to take in life matters. Every choice you make, for better or for worse, will affect you and others in many ways. There are always consequences to your actions, and these consequences of your actions will paint a picture of your character for other people. Another reason your path in life matters is because of the snowball effect. Every action you do will cause some sort of bigger reaction and eventually, you can change the world with those actions."

"God teaches us to love and respect others as you want to be loved and respected."

"I feel really good about myself...by showing respect to others and being a nice person to others. That is the path I choose in life."

"Not every path is the right path, and some paths may take you farther from God. Some paths may also bring you closer to God."

When asked to list five things that will make you happy in your life, one student said,

**"Happiness for everyone
Safety for everyone
Equality for the whole world
Enough food for everyone
To have a family of my own"**

Notice how the personal goal was given last. I am grateful for these compassionate, selfless, thoughtful young people in whose hands rests the destiny of God's creation. They restore my hope.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sue

Christmas Flowers



The proceeds from this collection are used for the flowers and greenery adorning the church and altar throughout the Christmas season.

If you wish to make a donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please note the name(s) on the envelope. The memorials will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. We use the parishioner info on the front of the envelope to note who the donation is from, so if you want something different, please note that as well.

If you don't receive envelopes and wish to donate for Christmas flowers, just send Robin a note or an email with the information. Or you can make the donation online on the donation page on our website. There is a text box to note who the donation is in memory of.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's Church". You may send it in any time, with a deadline of December 16 to make it into the bulletin. We will also list the memorials on our web site.

If you have any questions please contact Robin at 671-2100 ext. 30 or robin.martz@dor.org Thank you!

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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Bethany House Wish List for November



Disinfectant spray
Pump bottles of hand soap
Gallon food storage bags
Aluminum foil
Kid's face masks
Cereal
Jelly



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. Thank you!

Catholic Universities Collection

Next weekend, November 28/29 is the collection for The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours.

If you wish to support this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding Catholic Universities Collection in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.

Morning of Advent Reflection



As we await the coming of our Lord during the Advent Season unlike any we've experienced before, please join us for an Advent Reflection on **Saturday, December 5th, 9:30 – 11:00 AM in the worship area.** Giovina Caroscio from the Mercy Spirituality Center will lead us in a reflection upon the faithful waiting for the Lord exemplified by Elizabeth and Zechariah and Mary and Joseph.

Currently we are only allowed to have 25 people in attendance at such an event. To reserve a seat, please contact Jodie at 671-2100 or jodie.hickey@dor.org.

Help Wanted

We have a temporary (November 1 through December/January) position to handle snow removal and salting of our sidewalks and parking lot stairs before and during mass on Saturdays, Sundays, and Christmas and before weekday morning mass on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Minimum two hours guaranteed each day. For more details please contact Robin in the office at 671-2100 or robin.martz@dor.org.

CMA Update As of November 13, 2020

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

**26.73%
of our goal**



Giving Thanks

Dear Lord,

On Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You in prayer. We give You thanks for all You have done, mostly for the gift of Jesus Christ, Your Son. For beauty in nature, in which we see Your Glory, for joy and health, friends, and family. For our daily sustenance, Your mercy and care, these are the blessings You kindly share. So today we offer this response of praise with a promise to follow You all of our days.

Amen.

Giving Options

Go to our web site
(stpaulsrcc.org)
and click on the
DONATE link.

Or give through your
bank's online bill pay
feature.



Try the
GIVEPLUS⁺
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

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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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

As for you, my sheep, thus says the Lord God, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

SECOND READING:

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (1 Cor 15:25-26)

GOSPEL:

"He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" (Mt 25:33-34)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 Monday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr
 Tuesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
 Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
 Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
 Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



REFLECT

FIRST READING:

Ezekiel speaks of God as the "shepherd" who will tend to his flock with great care and discerning judgment. What is this teaching us about God's divine nature?

SECOND READING:

Paul reveals to the Corinthians the divine place of the resurrected Jesus Christ in God's final plans for salvation history. As Lord of all things, including death itself, Jesus will hand over everything to God at the end of time. Does this revelation bring you comfort or distress?

GOSPEL:

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the final judgment that will accompany his Second Coming and the end of time. Jesus describes the final judgment in the stark and contrasting terms of eternal life or eternal punishment. Why do you think so many people avoid thinking about Judgement Day?