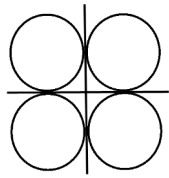


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

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.



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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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Parish Council Chair: Scott Rutan

Parish Trustees: Deb Urtz-Gleason & Dave Galeazzo

Multi Parish Finance Director: Joan Sullivan: 671-1100 x21 joan.sullivan@dor.org

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



Tuesday, December 1

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:15 a.m. Coffee & Catholicism

Wednesday, December 2

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass

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

Thursday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 5

Advent Weekday

9:30 a.m. Advent Morning

Retreat

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

4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 6

Second 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
Frank Saeva
From
Irene

Everyday Stewardship—Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments



In the Unexpected

“What could happen next?” How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don’t seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and He will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, “God with us.” He is the expected in all things unexpected.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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The Giving Tree



We have all trudged through the most amazing 10 months—global pandemic, economic upheaval, social distancing, disrupted schedules, not to mention Zoom classrooms! Well, here's yet another time-honored tradition to bite the dust. But take heart! The mechanics of our Giving Tree have changed but we are still able to provide needy children with some Christmas joy.

There will no longer be tags on our Tree; instead we have compiled a list of gift items that can be purchased and will be delivered as usual to the children of Our Lady of the Americas parish.

Below you will find a list of suggested items. **Any of these gifts may be for a boy or girl, any size, infant to 16.** Purchase what you can, bring the items, unwrapped, to St Paul's and put them in the box in the narthex closet next to the library no later than **December 20.**

Thank you for being flexible and understanding. If you have questions please call Cathy Fetes at 747-6534. The need this year is greater than ever.... Thank you for your continued generosity! May God bless you all during this holiday season. Please stay safe and healthy!

PANTS or JEANS
PAJAMAS,
MITTENS, GLOVES, HATS,
SHIRTS or TOPS,
UNDERWEAR, SOCKS
TOYS or BOOKS

THE SEASON OF ADVENT
 MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING
 ON THE HORIZON
 THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAVE
 NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

— JAN RICHARDSON

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!

Winter Clothing Appeal

If one of your brothers . . . falls into poverty you shall not harden your heart, nor tighten your hand. Instead, you shall open your hand to the poor, and you shall lend to him whatever you perceive him to need.
Deuteronomy 15:7-8

As in past years, Good Sam Outreach is asking you to donate winter clothing for distribution to the poor. Your gently used winter coats, jackets, boots, scarves, hats, mittens, and gloves are desperately needed.

Please place your clean donations in the chest/bin outside the church's front doors. Thank you for all you do on behalf of the poor. If you have any questions, please email Ellen Santora, esantora@rochester.rr.com.

Catholic Universities Collection

This weekend 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.

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.

CMA Update As of November 19, 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.

**29.78%
of our goal**



St. Paul's CMA Update

As of November 19, 177 of St. Paul's families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

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.

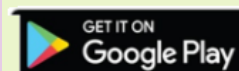
Giving Options

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 x1555

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:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19b)

PSALM:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we
shall be saved. (Ps 80)

SECOND READING:

God is faithful,
and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor 1:9)

GOSPEL:

"Watch, therefore;
you do not know when the lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning." (Mk 13:35)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Thursday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent



REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear today the prophet Isaiah's internal spiritual struggle as he questions God's ways and decries our human tendency to sin. What spiritual struggles do you need to confront as we enter into the season of Advent?

SECOND READING

In his opening words to the Corinthian Christians, Paul reminds the faithful of God's fidelity to those who believe in his Son. He then cites examples of the blessings they have received since coming to the faith. What are some blessings you have received in your faith journey?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus instructs his disciples to be vigilant for the end times. How can you make this spiritual discipline a focus of your Advent season this year?