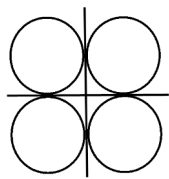


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

November 8, 2020 Thirty-Second 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.

OPEN



“‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’
But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to
you, I do not know you.’”

MATTHEW 25:11-12



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

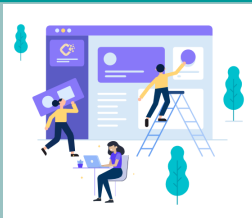
Tuesday, Wednesday &

Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.



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:

- Sign up weekly to attend weekend Mass
- Watch Sunday Mass live streaming on Facebook
- Read the weekly bulletin
- Donate online
- Contact a staff member
- Watch this year's CMA video and learn more about this year's campaign.
- Explore the Family Zone News-letter
- Learn about "Open Wide Our Hearts" & "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" on the new Social Justice tab
- Check St. Paul's calendar

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

Financial Snapshot

	September 2020	July 2020-September 2020
Collections	\$31,123	\$104,916
Donations/ other revenue	\$6,342	\$12,697
Expenses	\$47,619	\$145,376
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(10,154)	\$(27,763)

Expenses include quarterly invoices paid in July.

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
Bill & Kay Dettman
From
The Dettman family

Seeds for the Journey

Sing a New Song to Our God!

At the present time we cannot safely do this. But can we – will come back to this shortly. It feels a lot like going back to the 40's and 50's (I can't remember anything before that). What worries me from my position of observation – is how many really miss singing in the liturgy. Not just at St. Paul for I have observed this across many parishes throughout the United States (Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, and New York) and Canada (Province of Ontario) where I have been involved as a musician beginning in 1956. What is it that I observed – barely half of the congregations participate in the sung liturgy! So this group will not miss a New Song to our God in the liturgy. They stand by while their fellow parishioners fulfill the command to Sing a New Song to Our God! Do the majority of parishioners really want sung music to return in the Liturgy? I don't know and will not try to answer this directly, as this would be a personal answer!

When asked to provide music for the liturgy this past summer, I had to decide how do you do this since sung worship is not possible. What I decided to do was to look at what liturgical music was being prescribed for the various Sundays. Thus I selected music for the priest's procession, music during communion, and music for the priest's recessional. This would be music that would be sung at these places in the liturgy. In addition music was chosen for the fifteen minutes before Mass begins to set the "scene" for the Mass to follow. The problem with this last idea was that it seems to interfere with the chatting that is more popular than the worship. I have also included spirituals, as well as setting of hymns, etc.

With the more or less removal of sung music from the Liturgy at the present time, an avenue of music sung by God's creatures emerged. I am not sure why I had not paid more attention to this before. The BIRDS! This summer I spent a great deal of time listening to the beautiful songs of the various species of birds! You can do this in the forest or in your back yard. Unfortunately, now that Fall is upon us the songs of the birds are disappearing. But I recommend that next spring and summer you spend some time alone listening to the songs of the birds. Remember they are God's creatures, and they have something to tell us. What a wonderful replacement of music that the variety of birds provide. Beautiful songs with various melodies passing between the birds..

Maybe we should understand the type of language that music in the Mass provides to our liturgy. Worship is not an intellectual exercise. The purpose of Mass isn't purely catechetical. The homily is not meant to be a lecture and even today we probably do not know the full meaning of every action. It's perfectly acceptable to not understand everything happening at Mass. In fact, a bit of mystification is to be expected because the language of the Mass isn't prose — it's poetry. The Mass is a poem, and it uses the language of imagination and hope. This is where music comes into play. Poetry in music also uses the language of imagination and hope. The Mass is a poem, and it uses language of imagination and hope. This is true of music in general and the songs of the birds! Do you miss music in the Mass?!? You answer that! Until we can Sing a New Song to Our God blessing and honor to our God!

Tom

Christmas Flowers

A Christmas flower envelope was included in the November/ December envelope packet. 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!

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.

Closing/Cancellation Notifications

We follow the Webster Central Schools weather closings so if Webster schools close due to the weather, St Paul's will be closed as well.

The info will be posted on our web site as well as via the local media as noted below:

TV: Channel 10 (News 10 NBC)

Radio: NewsRadio WHAM1180, 98PXY, 92.5 WBEE, 98.9 The Buzz, 96.5 WCMF.

Online: stpaulsrcc.org, whcc.com, 13wham.com

Please note that channel 13 has designated churches as "web only", so if you prefer to look for closing information on the television, please check channel 10 (NBC). If you would like to get an email when we have a weather related closing, go to www.whcc.com/closings and click the Link that says:

"Register to Receive Alerts Via Email"

Enter your email, check the box, and click "Agree" On the next page, click on the blue "Subscribe" button. Find the Business or School you want to get the info on (in this case, St. Paul's Webster or St Paul's Webster School of Religion) and click "Subscribe" You can add more than one if you want.

Then when we have a closing, Channel 10 will send you an email.

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!

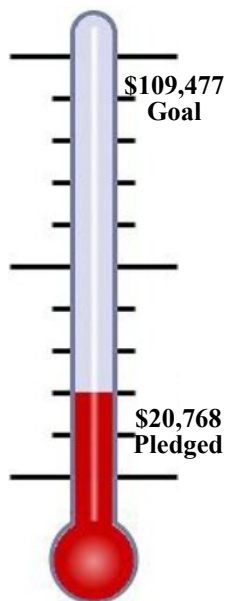
First Holy Communion

We would like to congratulate **Kai Conjerti** who celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, November 7th. Kai, may you feel the warmth and comfort of the Lord's love with you every day.

CMA Update As of November 3, 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.

**18.97%
of our goal**



St. Paul's CMA Update

As November 3rd, 116 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!

Brrr It's Getting Cold Out There! Warm Winter Clothing & Coat Donations

We are pleased to announce we will continue collecting adult and children's coats, sweaters, hats, mittens, boots, etc. for those in need. **Items may be placed in the large grey tote (outside) to the left of the church's front doors.**

If you have any questions, suggestions or can help with delivering, please contact Marie DeMarco at 236-6505

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

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

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:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

SECOND READING:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

GOSPEL:

"Afterwards the other virgins came and said,
'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'
But he said in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'
Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:11-13)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
Thursday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Our Jewish sage personifies wisdom as someone eager to be found by those seeking her. Is the virtue of wisdom something you actively seek?

SECOND READING

Paul teaches the believers in Thessalonica about the sequence of events leading to the end-times. When do you find yourself thinking about the return of Christ and the final judgment?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus' parable of the ten virgins is a lesson about being prepared for the Second Coming of Christ. How prepared are you for this event?