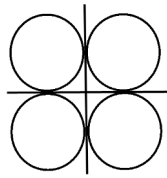


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

October 18, 2020 Twenty-Ninth 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.



29th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” Knowing their malice, Jesus said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?” - Mt 22:17b-18

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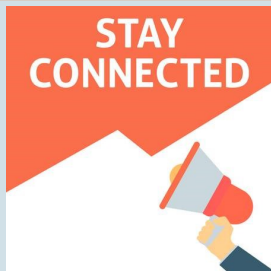
The parish office is still closed to visitors, however we are in the office to answer phone calls on Monday-Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday & Friday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

Phone: 671- 2100
Emergency Number: 369-9687
Website: www.stpaulsrcc.org
Diocese of Rochester: www.dor.org

Financial Snapshot

	August 2020	July 2019-August 2020
Collections	\$34,047	\$73,793
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,308	\$6,354
Expenses	\$37,550	\$97,640
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(195)	\$(17,493)

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.



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
- Explore the Family Zone Newsletter
- Learn about "Open Wide Our Hearts" & "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" on the new Social Justice tab
- Read letters written by Bishop Matano



This week the flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of
Chuck Dettman
 From
Sue & Family

This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns
 for
Chuck Dettman
 From
Sue & Family

Seeds for the Journey

Humor! "A protestant clergyman was visiting an orphanage, and the children were each reciting their prayers for him to hear. One little boy who had previously been to a Catholic school, after finishing the Our Father began the Hail Mary. 'No, no!' said the clergyman, 'We don't want to hear about her-go on to the creed.' The little boy did so, but stopped suddenly when he came to 'born of the...' and said: 'Here she comes again-what shall I do now, sir?' Indeed, we cannot have Jesus without Mary" (*More Quotes & Anecdotes: Anthology for Preachers & Teachers* compiled by Anthony Castle page 152).

As we celebrate the World Mission Sunday, it is good to remember that Blessed Virgin Mary was the first missionary who took the joy of Good News to Elizabeth, Zechariah and John the Baptist. When John heard the good news he leaped for joy in his mother's womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb..." (Luke 1:39-45). Throughout her life and in her glorious Assumption, Mary points the way to Jesus and God the Father.

Mary is capable of interceding and intervening for us as she did for the wedding couple in Cana of Galilee as reported by John 2:1-12. Hence, turning to Our Lady during pandemic is important. That is why the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, consecrated the United States to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 1. Similar initiatives have taken place in other countries. For us here at St. Paul's church, it was timely and fitting to create a Mary's shrine at the corner with votive candles and a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes. When you come to church for mass, please remember to visit our Mother's Corner, say a prayer, light a candle and there are envelopes for donations.

October 7th was Memorial of Our Lady of Rosary and the whole month is dedicated to Mary and hence praying rosary and other devotions are encouraged. These devotions give us the opportunity to pray for Our Lady's continued protection of us all, healing of the sick and the Holy Spirit to guide those working to get more vaccines and drugs to treat Covid-19 pandemic. The effects of this virus still cause unprecedented challenges in all aspects of life including the Church's life and mission. But we will go through these challenges with the help of Mary.

St. Bernard was absolutely certain that Mary comes to the assistance of those who call on her in times of danger and need as he said: **"In danger, in distress, in uncertainty, think of Mary, call upon Mary. She never leaves your lips, she never departs from your heart; and so that you may obtain the help of her prayers, never forget the example of her life. If you follow her, you cannot falter; if you pray to her, you cannot despair; if you think of her, you cannot err. If she sustains you, you will not stumble, if she protects you, you have nothing to fear, if she guides you, you will never grow weary; if she shows you favor, you will attain your goal."**

May we follow her example by being obedient to God's will, being humble, loving, and trusting in God's mercy and goodness. Just as God worked through her obedience to bring her Son into the world, so He can work through us to bring God's love, healing and goodness to those around us. Mary's assumption into heaven (celebrated on August 15th), indicates that as followers of her son Jesus Christ, we, too, shall be brought to heaven after our death, to celebrate a life of eternal joy.

Fr. Paul

Christ, Our Light

Hopefully, you have received the Catholic Ministries Appeal mailing by this time and have had a chance to review the materials. The theme for this year's campaign is Christ, Our Light. The CMA gives each of us an opportunity to share the Light of Christ and live out our purpose as Catholics. Through gifts to the CMA, we support the larger Church so that it may meet real needs throughout the Diocese. Your support enables the Church to be responsive and caring in fulfilling its mission. Please be as generous as your means allow in your response. Every gift is needed and important! Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank you.

Confirmation 2021-2022 Message from Sue Ward

Dear Confirmation Candidates and Parents,

I am very happy and humbled to be entrusted with the preparation of our young people as they move toward their final initiation into the church and take their place among us as the Body of Christ. On behalf of the Year 2 candidates, I would like to thank Bonnie Serio for her wonderful program that has brought them to this point on their path. As for our Year 1 Candidates—I had a delightful experience with you last year, and yes, our time together was cut short due to the pandemic, but now we have the opportunity to pick up where we left off!

Since we are getting a late start to the year, it will be critical for you to watch for emails from me as I set up and launch what will be a virtual program for this year. I have posted an overview of the programs for Years 1 and 2 on our website. More detailed information for both will be forthcoming through email, as well as the schedule for how and when we will hold our zoom classes and the other events that are required for Confirmation preparation. Please look for my email this coming week!

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at susan.ward@dor.org or 671-2110.

God bless you all, and I will "see" you soon!

World Mission Sunday 2020

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Coffee & Catholicism "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" & "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love"

Coffee and Catholicism is participating in a diocesan-wide reflection on two documents published by the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops): "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love" and "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." These documents focus on the role of the faithful in resolving issues that plague our society.

Deacon Mark Robbins will facilitate the second session from 9:15 until 10:45 am on October 27, in the worship space, wearing masks, and socially distancing. Those who come will reflect on "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," a document that examines the role of Catholics in resolving global and national issues including voting in national, state, county and local elections. Key ideas will include: Catholic social teaching, the primacy of love, our personal responsibilities, role of the Church, and the do's and don'ts of Catholic political participation especially regarding elections.

Reading the document is not required; however if you wish, you can find it at <https://www.dor.org/about/office-ministry-directory/catholic-charities/public-policy-committee/> Click on "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" to read, download or print the document and/or any of the other resources provided by the USCCB and Diocesan Public Policy Committee. If you do not have access to the Internet, call Jodie at 671-2100, and she will copy a couple of the key pages for you.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops lift up various issues of different moral weight and urgency. Some issues they mention include: abortion, euthanasia, the use of the death penalty and imprudent resort to war; protecting the fundamental understanding of marriage as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman; achieving comprehensive immigration reform; caring for our common home and addressing climate change; helping families and children overcome poverty; providing healthcare while respecting human life, human dignity and religious freedom; establishing and complying with moral limits on the use of military force. In their 2018 pastoral against racism, the Bishops call us to be aware of the sin of racism and systemic racism in our society. Learn more about these issues and others at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

For reflection: What do the bishops mean when they say, "Both opposing evil and doing good are essential obligations"? Why are both (not just one or the other) important for Catholics?

Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love

"Racism comes in many forms. It can be seen in deliberate, sinful acts. In recent times, we have seen bold expressions of racism by some groups as well as individuals. The re-appearance of symbols of hatred, such as nooses and swastikas in public spaces, is a tragic indicator of rising racial and ethnic animus. All too often, Hispanic and African Americans face discrimination in hiring, housing, educational opportunities, and incarceration. Racial profiling frequently targets Hispanics for selective immigration enforcement practices, and African Americans for suspected criminal activity. There is also growing fear and harassment of persons from majority Muslim countries. Extreme nationalist ideologies are feeding the American public discourse with xenophobic rhetoric that instigates fear against foreigners, immigrants, and refugees. Finally, too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered."

Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call To Love, A pastoral letter against racism – US Catholic Bishops. More info is on our web site.

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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

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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:

I am the LORD, there is no other,
there is no God besides me.
It is I who arm you, though you know me not. (Is 45:1, 5)

PSALM:

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

SECOND READING:

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much
conviction. (1 Thes 1:1-5b)

GOSPEL:

At that Jesus said to them,
"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21b)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2020

Sunday:	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
Monday:	Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday:	St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Thursday:	St. John Paul II, Pope
Friday:	St. John of Capistrano, Priest
Saturday:	St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Next Sunday:	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

FOR WHERE
TWO OR THREE
ARE GATHERED IN
MY NAME, THERE I
AM AMONG THEM.

MATTHEW 18:20

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The
safest
place
to be is
within
the will
of God

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REFLECT

FIRST READING:

Cyrus was king of the mighty Persian Empire (559-529 BC) while Israel was exiled in Babylon. The prophet Isaiah revealed God would use Cyrus to free Israel from captivity. What lesson do you think Israel was supposed to learn from this revelation?

SECOND READING:

In his opening remarks in First Thessalonians, Paul speaks of the power and conviction with which he preached the gospel to them. How do you show the conviction of your faith?

GOSPEL:

The religious leaders in Jerusalem were unable to trap Jesus with a seemingly trick question. How do you respond to non-believers who try to challenge or trick you in matters of your beliefs?