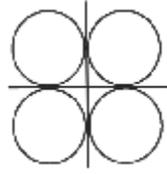


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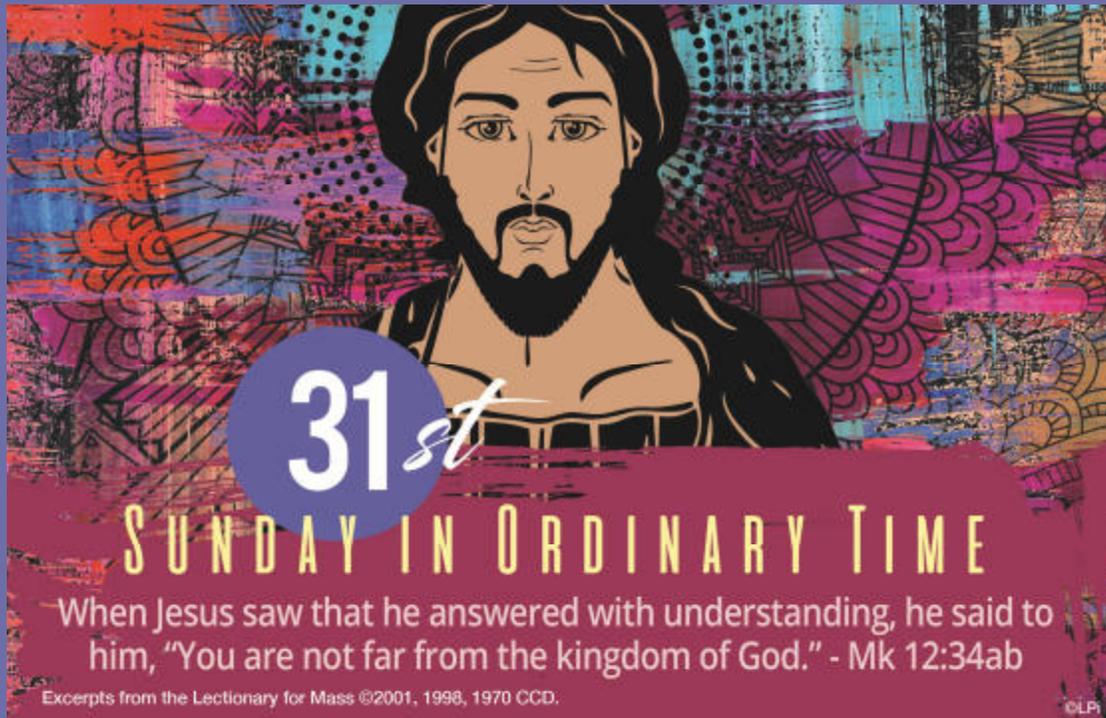


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

October 31, 2021 Thirty-First 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.



Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Confession

Saturday at 2:00-3:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 1
All Saints
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, November 2
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed All Souls' Day
 8:30A Mass
 9:15A Coffee & Catholicism
 6:00P Confirmation Prep catch up class year 1
 7:00P Confirmation Prep catch up class year 2
 7:00P Mass of Remembrance

Wednesday, November 3
Weekday
No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 8:30A Mass

Thursday, November 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
 8:30A Mass
 11:00A Together in Grief

Friday, November 5
Weekday
 No Mass

Saturday, November 6
Weekday
 9:30A Prayer Shawl
 2:00P Individual Confession
 4:00P Mass

Sunday, November 7
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
National Vocations Awareness Week Begins
Daylight Saving Time Ends
 9:00A Mass
 10:00A SOR Grade 6 & 7
 10:00A Confirmation Prep Yr. 2
 11:00A Mass
 12:05 Confirmation Prep Yr. 1



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Financial Snapshot

	September 2021	July 2021-September 2021
Collections	\$31,145	\$103,795
Donations/ other revenue	\$7,448	\$15,396
Expenses	\$41,167	\$141,414
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(2,574)	\$(22,223)

July began a new fiscal year. Expenses include quarterly invoices paid.



This week the flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of Major John Santora from Ellen Santora



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Marie Salamone from Daily Mass group

Seeds for the Journey

Spiritual Friendship

When I read Jodie's message on kindness in last week's Seeds article, her description of the encounter with the young man at the deli counter brought to mind a few similar encounters I've experienced from time to time, as I'm sure it did for many of you. Those thoughts led to other thoughts about people in my life who have been particularly kind, and this led to a reflection upon certain people through the years, some rather recent, with whom I've enjoyed a deeper bond, one I would have to call spiritual. I think these people are God's greatest blessings to us, often sharing in our profoundest joys and sufferings.

Richard Rohr recently did a series on this kind of friendship, entitled, "Sacred Relationship." He explains that these deeper connections are, in truth, the relationships that our souls desire because we are at our core relational in nature and our faith represents a relational way of being in the world: we take care of one another, especially the neediest among us. He explains, too, that although "the ancients viewed friendship as the crown of life, the fulfillment of all that is most distinctively human," many people today unfortunately experience a diluted version of friendship that's become more transactional, functional, and social in nature and purpose. Yet, our souls still long for the intimacy, trust, commitment, and loyalty of real relationship, and sometimes, by God's grace, we do find it. Rohr offers the following description of friendship, quoted from *Spiritual Friendship*, the classic work of the 12th-century Cistercian monk, Aelred of Rievaulx:

"How happy, how carefree, how joyful you are if you have a friend with whom you may talk as freely as with yourself, to whom you neither fear to confess any fault nor blush at revealing any spiritual progress, to whom you may entrust all the secrets of your heart and confide all your plans. And what is more delightful than so to unite spirit to spirit and so "to make one out of two" that there is neither fear of boasting nor dread of suspicion? A friend's correction does not cause pain, and a friend's praise is not considered flattery."

We experience this kind of friendship as *communion*--a true participation and sharing in the life and actual existence of another, a relationship whose greatest value and purpose is in helping one another grow in Christ. In spiritual friendship we not only want to be with the other person, we want to share in their life and experience. At one point in Jesus' relationship with his disciples, he referred to them as "friends," since he had given to them everything that he'd been given from the Father. Theirs was a relationship of communion, and Jesus prayed that it might continue—and be extended to those coming after them—in his Intercessory Prayer at the Last Supper:

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they may also be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me....I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me." (John 17: 20-23)

We were made for this kind of relationship,
and we are called to this kind of friendship—
with God and with one another.

Sue

Together in Grief



Together in Grief is the Saint Paul's Bereavement Support Group that meets once a month to support and encourage one another in their bereavement journey. If you have suffered a loss and are looking to connect with others who are going through a similar experience, we encourage you to join us on Thursday, November 4th at 11:00 for our next meeting. We work together in friendship and charity to help one another grieve and heal. This month's topic is *Traditions, Keeping the Old and Making New Ones*.

Bethany House Wish List for November

- ◆ Cereal (very big need)
- ◆ Mac & cheese
- ◆ Canned fruit
- ◆ Shampoo & conditioner
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Body wash
- ◆ Hand/body lotion
- ◆ Laundry detergent

Please place your donations (in a paper bag) in the collection box in the Narthex during Mass. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations to Bethany House at the end of the month.

November/December Envelopes



If you normally receive envelopes, the November/December envelope packet has arrived. In addition to the weekly envelopes, this packet includes our Christmas envelope and the Christmas folder with the mass schedules and a message from Fr. Paul.

If you don't get envelopes, in early December you will receive our Christmas mailing which only includes the Christmas folder and a Christmas envelope.

Please contact Robin in the office (671-2100 X30 or robin.martz@dor.org) if you have any questions.

Coffee and Catholicism



As Christians, our ultimate goal is to live eternally in heaven. Did you know that all those who live in union with Christ are saints? Join us for the next Coffee and Catholicism meeting on Tuesday, November 2nd (All Soul's Day) at 9:15 to discuss "Becoming Saints."



Dear friends at St. Paul's,

Hospitality is the basic Christian act of sharing what we have with others in need. We would like to express our appreciation to you for donating to Bethany House.

Thank you for the donation of food and more food! Just when our cupboards were bare.

We hold you and your family in our prayers.

With gratitude and compassion,

Sr. Karen, staff, volunteers and guests of Bethany House

Mass of Remembrance



Everyone is invited to attend our annual Mass of Remembrance on All Souls' Day, Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. We especially remember all whose funeral liturgies were celebrated at St. Paul's during the past year.



What is Synodality? Background for this Synod

By convening this Synod, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.”³ Following in the wake of the renewal of the Church proposed by the Second Vatican Council, this common journey together is both a gift and a task. By reflecting together on the journey that has been made so far, the diverse members of the Church will be able to learn from one another’s experiences and perspectives, guided by the Holy Spirit (PD, 1). Enlightened by the Word of God and united in prayer, we will be able to discern the processes to seek God’s will and pursue the pathways to which God calls us – towards deeper communion, fuller participation, and greater openness to fulfilling our mission in the world. The International Theological Commission (ITC) describes synodality this way:

‘Synod’ is an ancient and venerable word in the Tradition of the Church, whose meaning draws on the deepest themes of Revelation [...] It indicates the path along which the People of God walk together. Equally, it refers to the Lord Jesus, who presents Himself as ‘the way, the truth and the life’ (Jn 14,6), and to the fact that Christians, His followers, were originally called ‘followers of the Way’ (cf. Acts 9,2; 19,9.23; 22,4; 24,14.22).

First and foremost, synodality denotes the particular style that qualifies the life and mission of the Church, expressing her nature as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel. Synodality ought to be expressed in the Church’s ordinary way of living and working.

In this sense, synodality enables the entire People of God to walk forward together, listening to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, to participate in the mission of the Church in the communion that Christ establishes between us. Ultimately, this path of walking together is the most effective way of manifesting and putting into practice the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God (PD, 1).

The entire People of God shares a common dignity and vocation through Baptism. All of us are called in virtue of our Baptism to be active participants in the life of the Church. In parishes, small Christian communities, lay movements, religious communities, and other forms of communion, women and men, young people and the elderly, we are all invited to listen to one another in order to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who comes to guide our 3 FRANCIS, Address for the ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops (17 October 2015). 1.2 What is Synodality? Background for this Synod human efforts, breathing life and vitality into the Church and leading us into deeper communion for our mission in the world. As the Church embarks on this synodal journey, we must strive to ground ourselves in experiences of authentic listening and discernment on the path of becoming the Church that God calls us to be. For more information visit St. Paul’s website for a link to the Diocesan Synod page.

Giving Options

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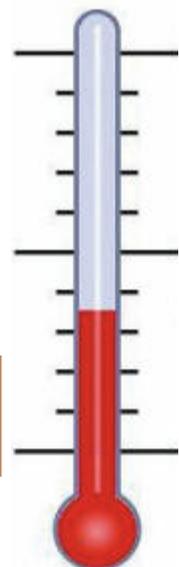
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CMA 2021-2022

The theme for this year's annual appeal is *Forward in Faith*, reminding us that our faith has seen us through, and our faith will guide us forward so that we can set about the work to reinvigorate, rebuild, and renew our Church.

Stewardship challenges us to recognize that each of us has received gifts from God - namely our time, talent, and treasure. God expects us to discern our gifts, to nurture them, and to share our gifts for the good of others.

We are called to share our gifts with our parish, our Diocese, the universal church, and our community. At this time of year, Catholics throughout the twelve counties that make up the Diocese of Rochester are asked through the CMA to share a portion of their financial resources to help the Church meet real needs.



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