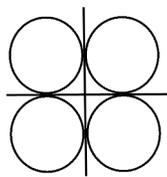


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**October 4, 2020 Twenty-Seventh 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.



## *27<sup>th</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

“What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” - Mt 21:40

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



**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**



**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau  
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**Facility Cleaning Coordinator:** Helen Stirpe  
**Maintenance Coordinator:** Ben O'Brien  
**Administrative Asst.:** Jodie Hickey x21  
**Finance Council Chair:** Tom Napoli  
**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**

	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" on the new Social Justice tab
- Register for the Virtual 2020 CROP Walk for Hunger

**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  
 Joe Hurzy  
 From  
 Ginny & Family

# *Seeds for the Journey*

## *Respect Life...*

### *Pray for Our Young Families*

Today is Respect Life Sunday, which begins the month when we “pause and reflect more deeply on the sacred gift of human life and our role in welcoming, cherishing, and protecting the lives of our brothers and sisters.” (USCCB) This year’s theme is “Live the Gospel of Life,” based on Pope Saint John Paul II’s encyclical, *The Gospel of Life*, wherein he affirms the dignity of all life amidst the challenges of our present time. We are called to follow the example of Jesus in showing our compassion toward “the least of these”—those who suffer the most and who are often overlooked.

While so many who are suffering greatly on many fronts during this time of pandemic and social and political upheaval need and deserve our prayers, I would like to ask you to *please pray also for the lives of our young families at St. Paul’s*. I have spoken with many of our families while putting together our remote School of Religion for this year (pray for that, too!), and I could hear not only their frustration at trying to run their families during these difficult times, but I could also feel their pain, fear, and sense of powerlessness. I don’t know how, other than by God’s grace, they are doing it all—and I do mean *all*.

Our parents are charged with setting up and monitoring all their children’s at-home schoolwork and classes, figuring out the children’s competing virtual schedules as well as the time they’re expected to be in school—and then trying not to worry about them getting sick! Take all of this and coordinate it with arranging their own work schedules to accommodate their children’s school schedules. The last thing they need is to lose their jobs and their health insurance! One parent who is also a teacher told me that for each class she teaches she has half the class on the computer for a virtual session and the other half in the room with her. She has to teach the same lesson to both at the same time. And then she goes home to see how her own children’s virtual classes have gone under the supervision of their dad, who now has to work from home.

How does a family hold together under this pressure? How does a marriage?

Please join me in assuring our parents that we are here for them. Please pray for them. This year our most immediate response to the church’s call to respect life is to be a comfort and support to our families in whatever ways are feasible during these extraordinary times.

*God, be with our families—strengthen them, uphold them, comfort them.*

*Sue*

### New Members Needed for St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council

We are currently looking to fill two adult and one youth vacancies on the Parish Pastoral Council. The term is for 3 years. The Council meets every third Monday evening of the month (with our new normal we are currently meeting virtually via Zoom.) Please consider serving to help guide St. Paul's Parish and Fr. Paul as we go forward as a faith community.

Feel free to nominate yourself or someone you feel would be a good voice to represent our parish community. Please submit your nomination through the office to 671-2100 or Jodie.hickey@dor.org or to Bill Green at 202-4976 or bill@tandlautomatics.com.

Nominations must be submitted no later than **Monday, Oct 19th** to be considered. Contact Jodie in the office or Bill Green if you have any questions. Thank you!

### Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love

"Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that, because all humans share a common origin, they are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God. When this truth is ignored, the consequence is prejudice and fear of the other, and – all too often – hatred. Every racist act – every such comment – every joke, every disparaging look as a reaction to the color of skin, ethnicity, or place of origin – is a failure to acknowledge another person as a brother or sister, created in the image of God. In these and in many other such acts, the sin of racism persists in our lives, in our country, and in our world." *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call To Love*, A pastoral letter against racism – US Catholic Bishops. More info is on our web site.

### Thank you to Bonnie and Good Luck Sue!

We are sad to announce that Bonnie Serio has decided to step down from her position of Confirmation Prep Coordinator, a job she has held for the last 3 years. Her service and dedication has had a tremendous impact on our youth, as is evident by the size and enthusiastic participation of our recent Confirmation classes.

Bonnie will be with us for a few more weeks to assist as Sue Ward takes over this important ministry. Most of our Religious Ed families already know Sue as our Faith Formation and Youth Coordinator, so we expect this to be pleasant transition. We are grateful to Sue for accepting this additional responsibility.

We will miss Bonnie but wish her and her family well. Thank you to both ladies!



### Respect Life Sunday Prayer for Reverence of Life

Almighty God, giver of all that is good. We thank You for the precious gift of human life. For life in womb, coming from Your creative power  
 For the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise.  
 For the life of young people, hoping for a better world, for the life of the handicapped and disabled, teaching us humility,  
 for the life of the elderly, witnessing the ageless values of patience and wisdom.

Like Blessed Mary, may we always say yes to Your gift. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end and bring us to eternal life, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.




## Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

**Catholics Care. Catholics Vote.  
Register to vote on Election Day  
(November 3, 2020)**

As we celebrate **Respect Life Sunday**, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the *Gospel of Life*, and continue to grow in our understanding of political engagement, we are reminded of Pope Saint John Paul II's words that "*human life finds itself most vulnerable when it enters the world and when it leaves the realm of time to embark upon eternity*" (*Evangelium Vitae*, 44). As we challenge our political leaders to support the dignity of human life, let us all take responsibility to walk with those in need at critical moments of decision-making.

**Questions for reflection:** On the preeminent priority of abortion, as described by the U.S. Bishops in the introductory note of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, how can I work with political leaders to end the tragedy of abortion in my community? How can I walk with moms-in-need this year to show that support for women and children in crisis is available? For more information please go to [www.LifeRoc.org](http://www.LifeRoc.org).

## Webster Crop Hunger Walk October 11, 2020



### Walk....Give....Change the World

The Webster Council of Churches is sponsoring this year's **virtual** Crop Walk. In the past we have always walked together. Due to Covid-19, we will walk together in spirit. Distance is up to you! For more information or to donate or register visit [crophungerwalk.org/websterny/](http://crophungerwalk.org/websterny/).

Join with us in raising funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need this year.

## Giving Options

Go to our web site ([stpaulsrcc.org](http://stpaulsrcc.org)) and click on the **DONATE** link.



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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](mailto: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

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

Coffee and Catholicism will resume on October 13 with a slightly different flavor than in the past. We will be 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.

Ellen Santora, Ph.D., will facilitate the first session from 9:15 until 10:45 am on October 13, in the worship area. Please wear a mask, and maintain social distancing. Those who come will reflect on "Open Wide Our Hearts, The Enduring Call to Love," a document that examines racism in our society and how Catholics can participate in its abatement. 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/>. Scroll down to the second list and click on "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love." There are also documents in the list with shorter summaries of some of the main issues. If you do not have access to this website and want some of the shorter summaries, call Jodie.

## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

The prophets of ancient Israel often used the term "vineyard" as a metaphor for God's chosen people. Why do you think Isaiah and the other prophets saw this as an effective teaching tool?

### SECOND READING

Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and a positive attitude is key to settling our anxious hearts and minds. When have you put this advice into practice?

### GOSPEL READING

Jesus directs this harsh parable of the tenants to the religious leaders of Jerusalem. Do you think Jesus' words led any of them to repentance?

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## Bethany House Update

Many thanks to all of the generous parishioners who donated goods to Bethany House during September. We had lots and lots of bags to deliver to them. We would like to keep collecting goods throughout October as their community depends on them for help.

Items they are most in need of include:

- ♥ Pasta (they have plenty of pasta sauce)
- ♥ Rice
- ♥ Shampoo & conditioner
- ♥ Toothbrushes
- ♥ Dish washing soap
- ♥ Disinfectant wipes
- ♥ **New: Macaroni & cheese**
- ♥ **New: Jelly**

Please place your donations (in a paper bag) in the collection box in the Narthex during Mass in the month of October. **(Please 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 then deliver our donations to Bethany House at the end of the month. Thank you very much!