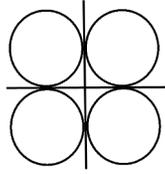


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

September 13, 2020 Twenty-Fourth 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.



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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



Pastor: Fr. Paul Gitau
Deacon: Mark Robbins
Confirmation Prep. Coordinator: Bonnie Serio x27
Faith Formation & Youth Coordinator: Sue Ward 671-2110
Business Manager: Robin Martz x30
Facility Cleaning Coordinator: Helen Stirpe
Maintenance Coordinator: Ben O'Brien
Administrative Asst.: Jodie Hickey x21
Finance Council Chair: Tom Napoli
Parish Council Chair: Paul Pumputis
Parish Trustees: Deb Urtz-Gleason & Dave Galeazzo
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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

	July 2020	YTD July 2020
Collections	\$38,412	\$38,412
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,045	\$3,045
Expenses	\$59,820	\$59,820
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(18,363)	\$(18,363)

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 week-end Mass
- Watch Sunday Mass live streaming on Facebook
- Read the weekly bulletin
- Donate online
- Contact a staff member
- Explore the Family Zone Newsletter

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
 Jean Kapsiak
 From
 Husband & family

Seeds for the Journey

Have you been taking good care of your soul as you do for the body? It is easy to forget we need to feed our souls. Matthew Kelly in his book *A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit* writes, "The body is constantly barking orders at us: Feed me, wash me, cloth me, pleasure me, feed me again, and so on. The body makes a continuous stream of demands upon us. The soul, on the other hand, is quiet and faithful. When the soul is hungry, our stomach doesn't rumble and growl. But it is important to feed our soul each day" page 4. This can happen if we form good habits to cater for our souls as Matthew put it "Our lives change when our habits change. For better or for worse, habits are one of the most powerful influences in our lives" (page 13). What habits do I have that can help feed my soul? Father John McCloskey in his small booklet for Faithful Catholics has given us Seven Habits:

- 1) The Morning Offering: You offer the day ahead for God's glory using your own words as a prayer.
- 2) Fifteen minutes of Silent Prayer: Listening carefully and prayerfully to discover what Jesus is asking of you and what He wants to give you.
- 3) Receiving Holy Communion: Attend Mass and receive the Eucharist.
- 4) Fifteen Minutes of Spiritual Reading: Reading the Scriptures and Catholic spiritual books.
- 5) Pray the Angelus: At noontime to pray the Angelus to our Blessed Mother just as any good child remembers his mother.
- 6) Pray the Holy Rosary: Pray the rosary meditating on its mysteries about the life of Jesus and Mary.
- 7) Examine your Conscience: Before bedtime, take a few minutes to go over your day in God's presence. Ask if you have behaved as a true disciple of Jesus at home, at work, at school, and with friends.

Remember that growing in these daily habits or spiritual exercises, just like taking on a diet or a physical exercise program, is a gradual work in progress. Gradually incorporate the habits into your life in a way that fits your particular situation. For example, you may not be able to adjust your schedule right away to be able to attend Mass weekly or every day due to coronavirus and other reasons. So, do not expect to insert all seven habits into your daily schedule immediately. Take one at a time to help feed your soul and connect more with God. Remember prayers help us to discover we are loved by God and called to love others. Prayers help us to develop virtues like perseverance and patience that are essential when we face health, economic and social crises. Prayers help us to be merciful and forgiving. So, bring to prayer situations or relationships that need forgiveness. Pray for the grace to demonstrate mercy in action through Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy.

Fr. Paul

Catechetical Sunday September 20th

All those at St. Paul's who minister in the various areas of evangelization and catechesis: **catechist, Children's Liturgy of the Word, RCIA Team Members, Youth Ministry Leaders, Confirmation Coordinators, Adult Faith Formation Facilitators**—are invited and encouraged to attend Mass (don't forget to sign up!) on Sunday September 20th at 10:00 a.m. when Fr. Paul will be offering a special blessing for you and your respective ministries. Your dedicated service to Jesus Christ and His church has, in some way, touched every single member of this parish community, and we are grateful!

Diocesan 2020 Pontifical Good Friday Collection

In April this year, due to the pandemic, we were not able to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the land of Jesus.

Pope Francis has accepted the request to move this gesture of sharing that concerns the whole Church to September 13. This is the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. On this feast we remember how far the love of the Son of God has come for us: giving His life on the Cross for our salvation and reconciling us to the Father and to each other. This gives birth to a new humanity founded on solidarity and love.

If you wish to support the Christians in the Holy Land, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding Good Friday Collection in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot with your regular offeratory donation. Thank you for your support.

School of Religion 2020-2021 Registration is Open!

Visit our website at stpaulsrcc@dor.org, Faith Formation/SOR to learn what faith formation will look like at St. Paul's during these challenging times and to register online (or print out a form for mail-in).

Remote instruction for grades K-7 will begin the week of September 20. Please contact Sue Ward at susan.ward@dor.org to arrange a day/time when you can pick up your children's books. See you soon!

Attention Ministry & Committee Chairpersons!

As we gear up for another year of meetings and programs, we realize that for the near future we will need to be gathering virtually. Many of you already have access to Zoom via free accounts. But the meeting length on the free accounts is limited. We also have another option available as the Diocese has purchased a Zoom account for each parish. This account has no meeting length limits, however only one meeting may occur at a time.

As in the past Jodie will handle scheduling for our calendar. As our old calendar was effectively cancelled during the shutdown, she needs the upcoming events and dates to update it. She will also be scheduling and sending the link for Zoom if you wish to use our account. Please send her an email with your committee/ministry requested meeting dates for this year (as much as you know) and if you wish to use the Zoom account. She will let you know if this date and time are available, add you to our calendar, and send you the Zoom link (if requested) to forward to your committee members.

As with everything else we have attempted, this is new, so there may be adjustments necessary as we learn how this all works. Please email or call Jodie or Robin in the office if you have any questions. Thank you.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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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

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



A note from Helen Stirpe to the Volunteers who donated their time and talent in helping to keep the coffee brewing at the Jambo Java Cafe. An acknowledgement of your service in this ministry is long overdue. A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the following Families:

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| Adams | DiTullio |
| Ange | Ernst |
| Atallah | Fetter |
| Benzoni | Fredericks |
| Bonn | Graney |
| Bower | Grieb |
| Cimino | Heller |
| Cirulli | Nuwer |
| Cozzo | Ottina |
| Cross | Riefer |
| DeRosa | |

Confirmation Preparation 2020-2021

- Confirmation Preparation is a **2 year process throughout the entire Rochester diocese** for registered students no earlier than 8th grade.
- Registration necessary: forms on Parish Website or email request
- Confirmation Preparation—Late October-May
- Classes will meet virtually with 3-4 Parent/student gatherings on-site throughout the year TBA (Covid 19 plan)
- Materials charge—\$50 per year Registration due—October 1, 2020
- Contact Bonnie Serio (bonnie.serio@dor.org)

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Thank you for your generous support.

If you wish to support this collection on the weekend of September 19/20, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding Catholic Campaign for Human Development in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.

Giving Options

Go to our website (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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

SECOND READING:

For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:8)

GOSPEL:

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,
"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?"

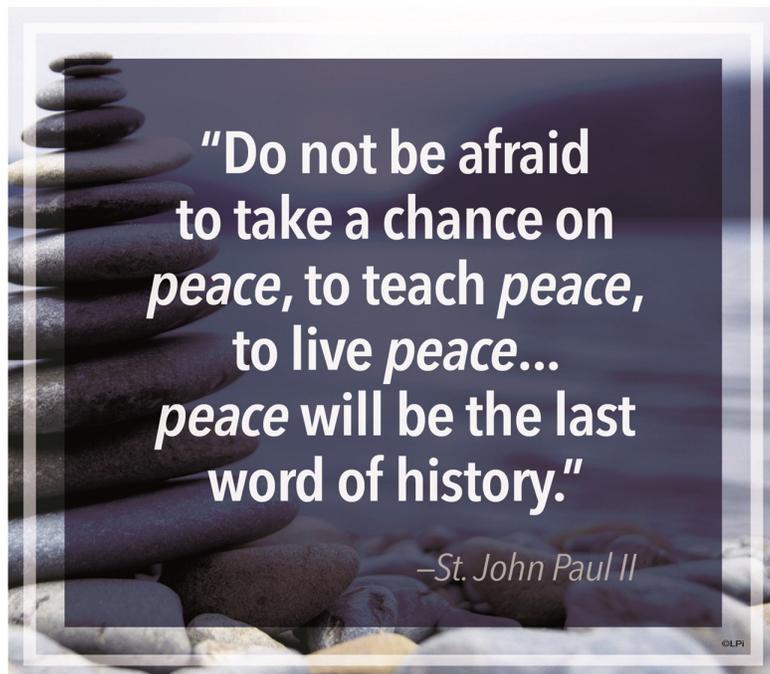
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seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Sunday:	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
Monday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The Jewish sage Sirach warns of the dangers of wrath, anger, and vengeance, urging rather forgiveness and pardon. How do you see this as the recipe for peace of mind?

SECOND READING

Paul urges Christians in Rome to "live and die for Christ." How do you make Christ the ultimate concern in life?

GOSPEL READING

The parable of the unforgiving servant teaches us that forgiveness ought to be reciprocal. What does this tell us about divine justice?