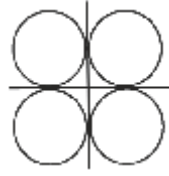


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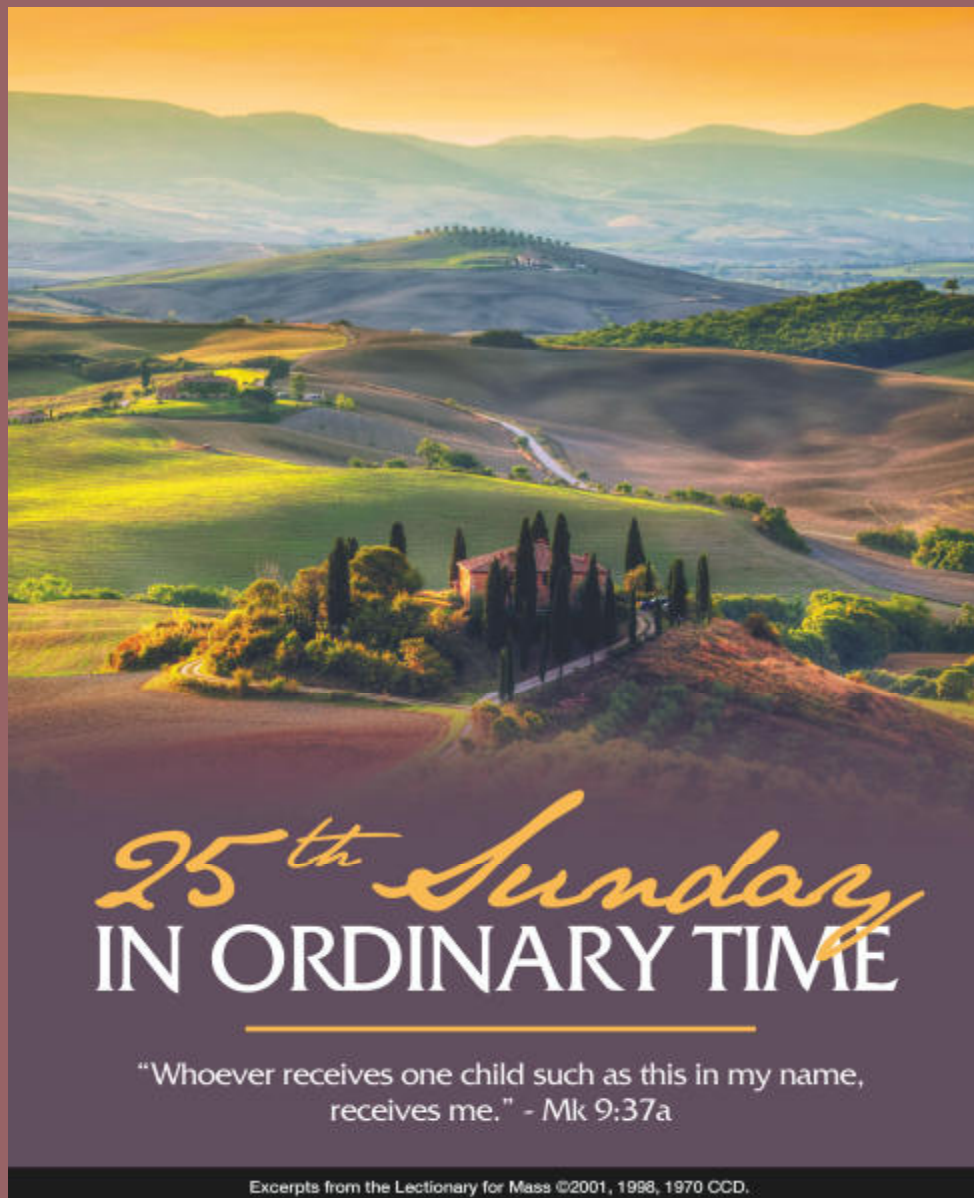


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**September 19, 2021 Twenty-Fifth 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.



*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,  
receives me." - Mk 9:37a

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**Mass Times**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. &amp; 11:00 a.m.

**Confession**Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
or by appointment**Weekday Masses**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &  
Thursday at 8:30 a.m.**Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament**

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

**Live Stream Mass via YouTube**Saturday, 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**Parish Staff****Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau

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(closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)  
Open for visitors daily 8:30 a.m. to Noon**Phone:** 671- 2100**Emergency Number:** 369-9687**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org**Monday, September 20*****Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon,  
Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang,  
& Companions & Martyrs***  
8:30A Mass  
10:00A Library Committee Mtg.**Tuesday, September 21*****St. Matthew, Apostle &  
Evangelist***  
8:30A Mass  
9:15A Coffee & Catholicism**Wednesday, September 22*****Weekday***  
8:30A Mass  
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament**Thursday, September 23*****St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest***  
8:30A Mass**Friday, September 24*****Weekday***  
**Men's Retreat Weekend @  
Notre Dame Retreat House**  
**No Mass****Saturday, September 25*****Weekday***  
**Men's Retreat Weekend @  
Notre Dame Retreat House**  
2:00P Individual Confession  
4:00P Mass**Sunday, September 26*****26th Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
**Men's Retreat Weekend @  
Notre Dame Retreat House**  
9:00A Mass  
11:00A Mass**Financial Snapshot**

	August 2021	July 2021-August 2021
Collections	\$25,583	\$62,134
Donations/ other revenue	\$4,411	\$6,760
Expenses	\$36,811	\$99,339
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(6,817)	\$(30,445)

July began a new fiscal year.

Expenses include quarterly invoices paid.

**Let Us Pray  
for Those in the Military**

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
Zach Bartlett	Sean Black
Bryan Gross	Andrew O'Brien
Tom Weisenreder	Cydney Blong
Mason Serrao	Michael J. Desiato
Andrew Zani	Daniel Thomas
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp  
burns for  
John Serio  
from  
Ginny Hurzy*

# Seeds for the Journey

This weekend is Catechetical Sunday. It is the time to recognize and commission the dedicated people who are willing to share their faith and help others of all ages in their faith journey for 2021-2022.

This year's theme is "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed."

At each of the weekend Masses, Fr. Paul will ask all who are in the Ministry of Catechesis...

*SOR Grades K-7*  
*Confirmation Grades 8 & 9*  
*RCIA The Right of Christian Adults*  
*Adult Faith Formation*

to stand and he will bless them.

A Catechist is one who has been called to introduce and nurture in others a mature faith in Jesus Christ. A deeper knowledge and love of His person and message by guiding them through the four pillars of the Catholic Church:

*What Catholics Believe*  
*How Catholics Worship*  
*How Catholics Live*  
*How Catholics Pray*

I would like to thank with great appreciation the catechists of SOR who will be working with your children for 23 weeks. All are teachers by nature. **Janet Prentice, Melissa Nuwer, Michelle Heisinger, Scott Rutan, Lou Rotundo, Lisa Milano.**

We are blessed to have their experience in Faith Formation, ranging from first time this year to 46 years! Some started with their own children going through the program. Others have had their children graduate from the program but have enjoyed this ministry and continue with their dedication.

We are so excited that SOR for Grades K-7 as well as preparation and celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Penance and 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be starting Sunday, September 26th. Please keep both the catechists and the children in your prayers through the year as they continue on their faith journey.

Blessings,  
*Helen*



## WHO DOES THAT????

Ever wonder who collects and delivers all the donations for Bethany House?

Organized Undie Sundays for Hope House?

Decorates, collects and delivers our Giving Tree gifts?

Sponsors Lenten Soup Suppers?

Runs the Lenten Food Drive?

If you answered "Good Sam Outreach" to all of the above you are correct!!!! We are great group and we could surely use new members! Interested? Contact D.A. Hutnick at dhutnick@aol.com or call 347-4806.

## Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This weekend is the special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD funds programs that empower low-income people to address the root causes of their poverty. By supporting this collection, you are making a positive social change.

If you wish to support this collection, 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.

## Coffee and Catholicism is back!

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21 at 9:15 a.m. in the church.

This week's topic will be **The Impact of COVID-19 on the Church Community.**

If you have any questions please contact Katie Van Damme, the Adult Formation Coordinator, at katie.vandamme@dor.org or call the office at extension 24.

\*Due COVID precautions coffee has been uninvited to attend the meeting. We hope we can invite him back soon.

## Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments *Can You Walk the Walk?*

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## Baptism



St. Paul's welcomes the  
newest members of our  
faith community  
Janie Kate Burke &  
Everleigh Bella Hampton

# Giving Options

Drop your offering in the donation box or slot as you leave church.

Send us a check through your own Bank's BILL PAY feature.



Go to our website ([stpaulsrcc.org](http://stpaulsrcc.org)) and click on the GIVING tab

Questions?  
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## Thank you!



### Bethany House Wish List for September

- ◆ Shampoo & conditioner
- ◆ Body wash
- ◆ Razors
- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Mac & cheese
- ◆ 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.



### Prayer for Catechists

O God, our Heavenly Father,  
You have given us the gift of these catechists  
to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family.

We lift them up to You in thanksgiving  
And intercede for them concerning their  
hopes and needs.

May we be attentive to the  
presence of Your Word in them,  
a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls  
forth and challenges,  
is compassionate and consoles.

We pray that our parish family will always be blessed  
with those who have responded to the call to  
share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists.  
May we too be open to the universal call to service  
that Christ addresses to all of His disciples,  
contributing our gifts to the  
communion of faith, the Church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

Let us condemn him to a shameful death;  
for according to his own words, God will take care  
of him. (Wis 2:20)

### PSALM:

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

### SECOND READING:

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace  
for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

### GOSPEL:

"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men  
and they will kill him,  
and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise."  
(Mk 9:31)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday  
Monday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng  
Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs  
Tuesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  
Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
Saturday: BVM  
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"THE MORE I REFLECT  
ON THE GRACES I HAVE  
RECEIVED, THE MORE  
THEY ASTONISH ME."**

**—ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE**



**ST. MATTHEW,  
APOSTLE  
&  
EVANGELIST**

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## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

The Wisdom writer reveals the mentality of the wicked, characterized by revenge and treachery. How best should people of faith respond to such behavior?

### SECOND READING

James offers insight into the human condition as it relates to how often our ambitions and passions can lead us astray. How do you keep yourself grounded in holy intentions?

### GOSPEL READING

We hear today how the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus questions and reluctant to share with him some of their tensions. Why do you sometimes hold back from opening up to the Lord?

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