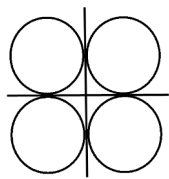


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

September 20, 2020 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.

FIRST



“Thus, the last will be
first, and the first
will be last.”

MATTHEW 20:16



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.

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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

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



Seeds for the Journey

As Barbara and I were taking our usual neighborhood evening walk the other day, we both looked up at a towering Maple tree and commented about how the leaves had already begun to change color; many of them already on the ground. What we both knew subconsciously was becoming visibly obvious - summer was quickly giving way to autumn. As we looked at one another we collectively wondered where the time had gone.

This year the transition to autumn officially begins on September 22. Most of us, though, don't need an official announcement to know what our senses are already telling us - the winds of change are upon us. This change, however, involves much more than the color of the leaves. This is traditionally the beginning of a new school year; a time for students to meet new teachers, catch up with friends not seen since June, and begin to engage in sports and other extra-curricular activities. This year, however, the sights, sounds, smells, and activities that characterize the transition to the season of autumn, are colored by the stain of the COVID-19 crisis. This year, the autumn season, so often filled with hopeful anticipation, begins with a sense of fear and uncertainty as students, parents, teachers, and administrators grapple with changes and restrictions deemed necessary to keep everyone safe and healthy. For most, these changes involve various combinations of virtual and on-campus instruction, combined with either cancelation or postponement of extra-curricular programs. Navigating these and other changes will be difficult and undoubtedly stressful for all.

In spite of the many challenges we face as we begin this new school year I think it is important for us not to allow the stress of uncertainty to overwhelm the beauty of the season. Make it a point to breathe in the cool, crisp autumn air; take a walk in the park and feel the leaves crunching under your feet; take a drive in the country and observe the kaleidoscope of reds, oranges, yellows, and browns that mark the season; visit a farmer's market or a near-by country store and take in the aroma of fresh baked apple or grape pie, and don't forget to bring home some apple cider and doughnuts.

Yes, this autumn we will travel a path we have never traveled before. But the beauty and majesty of the season remind us that God, our creator, is with us and will guide us every step of the way. As the summer season comes to a close please join me in reciting the following CRS prayer asking God to give us a spirit of peace as we begin this new and unfamiliar autumn journey together.

Father, Creator of all,

Thank you for these late summer days,
for the warmth of the sun,
the hours of daylight and the beauty around me.

Thank you for the ability to revel in the beauty of your creation,
and the time to share it with family and friends.

May the somewhat slower pace of this time of year
allow me to see you more vividly in the world around me
and draw me closer to you (as this summer season ends.)

Teach me how to pray with wonder and awe at the world around me,
no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the continued gift of your presence
and guide my feet with the light of your love.

As I stand surrounded by your creation, create in me
a pure heart, O Lord!

Amen

Deacon Mark

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



Today is Catechetical Sunday, when we pay tribute and offer our deepest gratitude to our catechists for their faithful dedication and selfless service to the spiritual formation of our children. This year especially, amidst incalculable challenges, we are so grateful that they have remained with our children, ever faithful to their vocation. Please join us in the following prayer for God's guidance and support for St. Paul's catechists and their ministry.

A Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists.
We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom, that they may grow
in the understanding and teaching of your Word.

Grant them also your love,
that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word
and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them
to grant them wisdom about what is important;
knowledge of the truths of faith;
understanding of their meaning;
right judgement about how to apply them in life;
courage to persevere even in the face of adversity;
reverence before all that is sacred and holy;
and that loving zeal which leads others
to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord,
Amen.

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 this weekend, 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.



In light of the COVID 19 crisis CRS has put together a series of virtual (youtube) homilies that are being disseminated throughout the country for the remainder of the year utilizing their Global Fellows - Priests and Deacons who travel overseas with CRS and then share their experiences with parishes in the U.S. These are **NOT** a request for donations but are informative and more importantly a **thank you** for the ongoing support parishioners have given to CRS.

These homilies are based on the readings for each weekend along with a brief overview of the work CRS is doing around the world with a focus on COVID-19, Migration, or Hunger. Deacon Mark's homily for Sept 19/20 can be found at the site below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEXwFkWWriE&feature=youtu.be>

**God loves each of us as if
there were only one of us.**

Saint Augustine

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

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

Giving Options

Go to our web site
(stpaulsrcc.org)
and click on the
DONATE link.

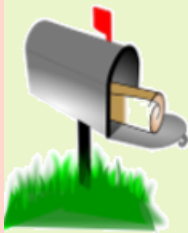
Or give through your
bank's online bill pay
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Try the
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MOBILE APP



To donate by text,
send your
contribution amount
to 833-931-1892



Mail your check:
St. Paul Church
783 Hard Road
Webster, NY 14580

Bethany House Reopens & Needs Our Support!

Bethany House is in need of the following donations:

- * Cereal
- * Pasta (they have plenty of pasta sauce)
- * Rice
- * Shampoo & conditioner
- * Toothbrushes
- * Dishwashing soap
- * Disinfectant wipes

***At the present time they do not need toilet paper or paper towels.**

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

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)

School of Religion 2020-2021 Begins This Week!

This year our School of Religion classes are being conducted remotely, with a dedicated volunteer teacher overseeing each grade level. Every teacher has designed her/his instruction to accommodate not only the religious content for that grade but also the needs and concerns of their students and parents during these extraordinary times. We will keep registration open for another two weeks, so if you missed the opportunity to do so, please visit our website at stpaulsrcc@dor.org, Faith Formation/SOR to learn more about what faith formation will look like at St. Paul's this year and to register online (or print out a form for mail-in). Please contact Sue Ward at susan.ward@dor.org for any questions or to arrange a day/time when you can pick up your children's books.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts. (Is 55:9)

PSALM:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

SECOND READING:

Brothers and sisters:
Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life
or by death. (Phil 1:20c)

GOSPEL:

“Take what is yours and go.
What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?’
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
(Mt 20:14-16a)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechetical Sunday
Monday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Saturday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE
ROSARY
IS THE
“WEAPON”
FOR THESE
TIMES.

ST. PADRE PIO

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Call
upon
Him.

PSALM 145

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

While still in captivity in Babylon, Isaiah urged the Israelites to seek the Lord, for the Lord is near even in exile. When have you felt the Lord's presence in dark periods of your life?

SECOND READING

In his letter to the Philippians written from prison and toward the end of his life, Paul reflects on his spiritual dilemma between life and death. How do you work through spiritual dilemmas?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard of the Lord offers us important insights into the Kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity. To whom do you think this parable is unsettling?