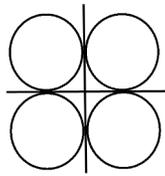


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

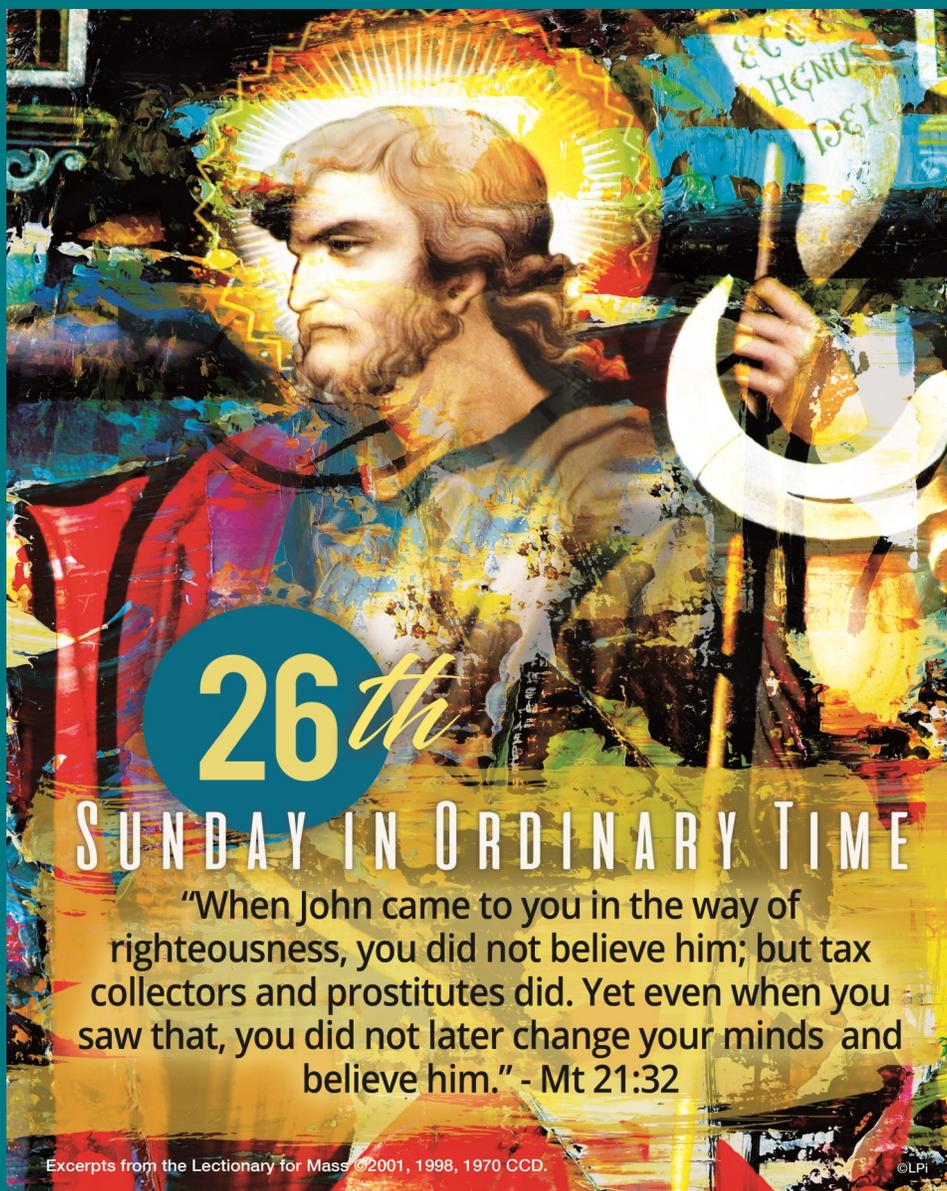


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

September 27, 2020 Twenty-Sixth 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.



26th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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



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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:

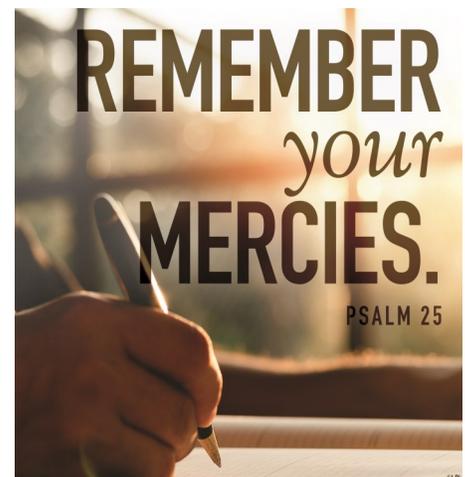
- Sign up weekly to attend weekend Mass
- Watch Sunday Mass live streaming on Facebook
- Read the weekly bulletin
- Donate online
- Contact a staff member
- Explore the Family Zone Newsletter
- Learn about "Open Wide Our Hearts" on the new Social Justice tab

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

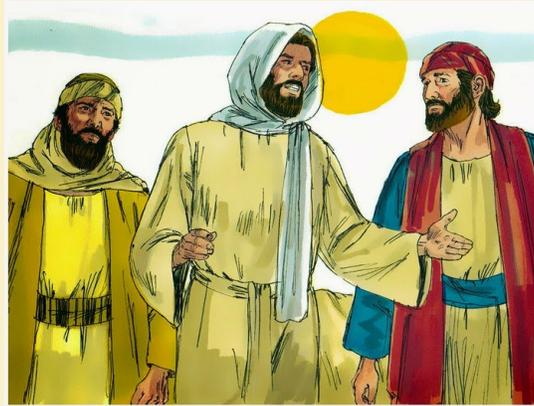


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Seeds for the Journey



In today's Gospel we hear about the Parable of Two Sons. I think we can all relate to this parable, especially parents and their children. The parable is about a father trying to get his sons to do chores in the vineyard. One son says no, he won't go to the vineyard while the other son says yes, he will go to work but doesn't go to the vineyard to help at all.

There is a very important lesson in this parable. It gives us a very clear understanding of what God wants from us. We are reminded that "actions speak louder than words." It makes us think, do I make promises to others that quickly go out the window? Sometimes we try to just be a people pleaser and say yes to helping someone but have no intention of following through. Despite our best intentions, it is our actions that truly mean more than our words. Jesus asks us to think whether our words and actions are in agreement. It is easy to talk, but it is far more difficult to give time, effort and attention to those around you. Our words and actions should match one another. Jesus makes it clear that our actions, especially how we care for those who are in the margins, matter much more than our good intentions.

As we go about our lives, let us make an extra effort to think carefully before we commit ourselves to ensure that we can keep our promise, and not be a people pleaser but a person of action by doing good for others. In doing so with our actions, we will be living the Gospel message.

An Obedience Prayer

God, please give me a humble heart to yield to your instructions at all times, so that I can prosper. Help me to obey you and let me be flexible for Holy Spirit's guidance. Let me follow when you lead, and let me be willing to receive your blessings whenever you are ready to hand them over.

Jodie

School of Religion 2020-2021

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.

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



Confirmation strengthens us to defend the faith and to spread the Gospel courageously

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

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

In their statement, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S Catholic Bishops remind Catholics, "We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world" (no. 14). In New York State, the voter registration deadline for the November 3rd election is October 9th. You can pick up a mail-in voter registration form at your county Board of Election. New York State allows early voting from October 24th through November 1st. Contact your county Board of Election to apply for a mail-in ballot allowed for anyone concerned about COVID-19. Check out St. Paul's web site for more information.

For reflection: What kinds of leaders does our society need? For what should they stand and how should they lead?



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 feature.

Try the **GIVEPLUS⁺** MOBILE APP



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



Mail your check:
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783 Hard Road
Webster, NY 14580



St. Paul's welcomes the newest member of our faith community
Kyndle Dawn Hampton

Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love

"The injustice and harm racism causes are an attack on human life. The Church in the United States has spoken out consistently and forcefully against abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, the death penalty, and other forms of violence that threaten human life. It is not a secret that these attacks on human life have severely affected people of color, who are disproportionately affected by poverty, targeted for abortion, have less access to healthcare, have the greatest numbers on death row, and are most likely to feel pressure to end their lives when facing serious illness. As bishops, we unequivocally state that **racism is a life issue.**" *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call To Love*, pastoral against racism – US Catholic Bishops. More info is on our web site.



Once again K of C Trinity Council #4618 has kicked off their 9th Annual Fund Drive, which runs through the months of September & October, to support "Coats for Kids". Since 2012 Webster Knights of Columbus has been able to purchase 1488 NEW winter coats for distribution through many charitable organizations, schools and churches, to children of need throughout Monroe and Wayne Counties.

Each coat is purchased new, at a cost of \$23.50. If you would like to help, Trinity Council is asking for your most generous donation, by making a check payable to **Knights of Columbus #4618** and sending it to:

"Coats for Kids"
C/O J.S. Coon, Chairman
230 Champion Ave.
Webster, New York 14580

Thank you and may God bless you for your support!

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

PSALM:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING:

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves. (Phil 2:3)

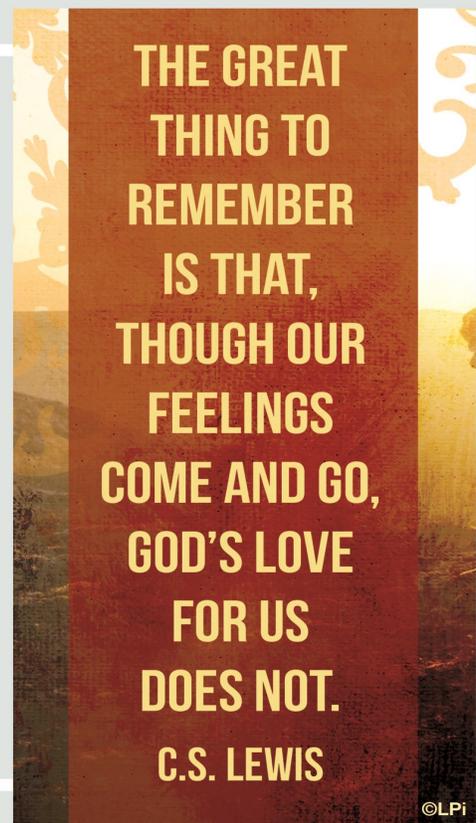
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday:	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Wednesday:	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	The Holy Guardian Angels
Next Sunday:	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Ezekiel warned that even the just at times turn away from justice. But the just are saved through repentance. How do you turn away from your sin?

SECOND READING

Paul presents in Philippians one of the Church's earliest Christological hymns, emphasizing the humility of Christ. Who do you see as a model of humility in your life?

GOSPEL READING

In a tense exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem, those on the margins of society are held in higher regard by Jesus because of their repentance. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?