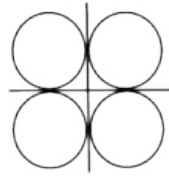


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

September 29, 2024 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

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me."
- Mk 9:38-39

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Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Confession

Saturday at 2:00-3:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Monday, September 30
St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, October 1
St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
 8:30A Mass with Anointing
 12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, October 2
The Holy Guardian Angels
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 3
Weekday
 8:30A Mass

Friday, October 4
St. Francis of Assisi
 No Mass
 8:30A Vac Pac

Saturday, October 5
Weekday
 10:00A Prayer Shawl
 2:00P Confession
 4:00P Mass-Birthday blessings

Sunday, October 6
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Communication Sunday
Respect Life Sunday
 9:00A Mass-Choir sings & birthday blessings
 10:00A SOR classes
 10:00A Coffee & donut hour
 11:00A Mass-Birthday blessings
 12:00P Coffee & donut hour



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New Parish Office Hours

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Financial Snapshot

	August 2024	July-August 2024
Collections	\$50,880	\$87,853
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,146	\$6,632
Expenses	\$31,731	\$84,632
Operating surplus/deficit	\$21,294	\$9,854

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

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
Bryan Gross	Cydney Blong
Tom Weisenreder	Michael J. Desiato
Mason Serrano	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for
 Dolores Kistner
 From
 Niki Gionta*

Seeds for the Journey

Two weeks ago, I spent four days in Baltimore attending the annual Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Global Fellows (GF) gathering. The event involved priests and deacons from all over the country who gathered for prayer, reflection, training workshops, and socializing. In addition, we spent one day in Washington D.C. meeting with our government legislators advocating for a cause critical to the people CRS serves overseas.

This year our advocacy efforts focused on two funding accounts in the 2025 federal international humanitarian assistance budget, namely, the Development Assistance and Green Climate Fund accounts. These accounts fund programs supporting CRS's climate change adaptation efforts.

Confronting our advocacy efforts are the fact that a recently proposed House budget bill included deep cuts to foreign humanitarian aid, including a 25% cut in the Development Assistance account. The bill also prohibits any funds related to climate change adaptation programs, thus the Green Climate Fund. The corresponding proposed Senate bill, on the other hand, is more supportive of these programs. Our efforts focused on educating all members of congress on the necessity of these programs and to advocate for their funding at the highest level possible.

Our arguments in favor of funding these humanitarian assistance accounts included the following:

1. Pope Francis has repeatedly stated that there is a moral imperative to our budgeting process and that we cannot balance the budget on the backs of the poor.
2. We can no longer think of humanitarian assistance apart from climate change; they are intimately related.
3. Climate change is a driving force behind the daily water and food insecurity impacting over 300 million people.
4. The Internal Displacement Monitoring Center has shown that, to date, 32.6 million people have been forced to leave their homes due to changing climate and environmental conditions.

On a more positive side, using real life stories and hard data, we showed how the two humanitarian assistance accounts above enable CRS to help poor farmers prepare for and minimize the impact of climate change on their communities, thus improving their livelihoods while eliminating the need to migrate. The work of CRS includes providing these communities with such things as early warning systems, drought resistance seeds, alternative crops, new agricultural skills involving water and soil management, as well as reforestation techniques.

As we pointed out to our representatives, the results of these efforts cannot be ignored. Recent government studies (USAID Fact Sheet) have shown that for every dollar spent on climate change adaptation there is a \$2 to \$10 economic benefit for the community, as well as a \$4 savings in emergency spending. In other words, helping poor farming communities prepare for and adapt to changing climate conditions not only improves their livelihoods, it also reduces the costs of future emergency funding in the event of a catastrophic climate related disaster.

So, what was the outcome of our advocacy meetings? While some of our elected officials are resisting funding for the humanitarian assistance accounts above, those whom I met with, congressman Morelle, and Senators Gillibrand and Schumer, are very supportive of both the work of CRS and of funding climate change adaptation programs. We are thankful for their support. But we still have more to do. Stay tuned!

If you want to learn more, get involved, and/or advocate, go to [CRS.org](https://www.crs.org) and click on "Get Involved," then "Climate Change."

Deacon Mark

Parish Census

As all of you are aware by now of the Parish Census Initiative. Last week we sent out a parish email with the link for you to complete the Census form.

Thank you to all who have participated thus far! If you haven't had the chance to share your information, there's still time to join in. The Census form is also on our website. For those unable to complete the form online, we shall have a weekend for in pew forms and another weekend with a census booth.

Kindly be assured that **all information provided will be handled with the utmost confidentiality** and data you provide will be used solely for spiritual, pastoral, stewardship and communication purposes. Your participation is critical to its success. If you have an inquires, please feel free to reach out to Kasey via email at kasey.baker@dor.org.

NEXT WEEK

JAMBO JAVA CAFE

coffee & donuts

Sunday, October 6
after the
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses



St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council is back in session! The council meets on every third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in rooms 7 and 8. St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council is here to serve our community! You are always encouraged to share your questions and ideas with them. Members of the council are at Mass on the weekends so please feel free to approach them. Our Parish Pastoral Council members are:

- Patrice DeAngelis-chair, Tim Runyan-vice chair,**
- Sue Muto-secretary, Toni Lynn Swinson, Anne LaClair,**
- George Hanley, Diana Strassman, Allison Thomas, Tom Napoli, Maggie Milner and Tanner Peters**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday Blessing Weekend

Fr. Paul will give a special blessing during Masses next weekend, October 5 & 6 as we celebrate October birthdays.

"...IN THIS WORLD I CANNOT SEE THE MOST HIGH SON OF GOD WITH MY OWN EYES, EXCEPT FOR HIS MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD."
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

America Needs Fatima Rosary Pray for America

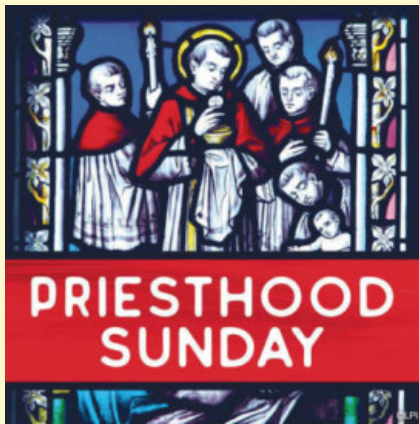


As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, let's turn to God through His Holy Mother asking His urgent help. Be a part of America's largest annual Rosary Rally by joining in:

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
12 NOON

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Bring a lawn chair if you wish and your Rosary. Rosaries will also be available if you don't have one. The October 12th Rosary Rallies are the largest network of Rosary Rallies in the world. 20,013 rallies signed up so far this year. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Ruth Prinzivalli via email at: ruthprinz1@aol.com.



Thank you , Fr. Paul for all the ways you lead and guide St. Paul's Church. You are a great example to our congregation of living a life of faith. May God bless you as you continue in your devoted work for our Lord.

Prayer for Priests

God of all that is ancient and new, you called priests to minister in your temple in ancient times. Those priests ministered day and night in worship of You.

Bless our priests today who not only minister in our churches, but minister to your people, the living body of Christ in the world. Give them wisdom and courage to continue to say yes to You and Your people.

*We ask this through Jesus, the ultimate high priest, who lives and reigns with You for ever and ever.
Amen!*

From the John Walsh Library

**Pecklers, S.J., Keith F.
The genius of the Roman Rite
(On the Reception & Implementation of the New Missal)**



The Roman Rite has evolved over the centuries in very diverse contexts and situations, and it has endured to our own day precisely because of its capacity to adapt and be shaped by the distinct cultures where it has been celebrated. Many topics are covered in this book: a brief historical sweep of the Roman liturgy; the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council and their implementation; background of how the translation process has been constituted ever since; the "General Instruction on the Roman Missal." The future of liturgy is the future of the Church. The language of prayer will continue to articulate what the church believes and what its mission stands for as it moves toward the future. (Call No REF-PEC)

**Webster Hope
October Wish List**



Canned corn & peas	Hand soap
Flour & sugar	Deodorant
Coffee	Lotion
Cooking oil	Diapers sizes 5, 6 & 7 open packages accepted
Pasta, NOT whole wheat	Baby wipes
Jarred spaghetti sauce	New socks & underwear all sizes
Body wash & bar soap	

Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex before or after Mass. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations on a regular basis. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Ministry Schedule for October 5 & 6, 2024

If **TBD or Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Cantors	TBD	TBD	TBD
EMHC	Dennis Olbrich Kathy Olbrich	Josephine Cozzo Jack Black	Ellen Santora Ruth Prinzivalli
Greeters	Diana Kemp Patrice DeAngelis	Ebertz family	Anne LaClair Ellen Santora
Lectors	Linda Pratt	Laure Barr	Volunteer Needed
Linens	Barb Mongiovi No specific time for pick up		
Sacristans	Olbrich family	Eileen Turner	Sharyn LiPari
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Jerry Healey	George Hanley
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Don Black Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Angel in the Marble

If you show up to the gates of heaven completely whole, I kind of doubt you'll be let inside.

I know that sounds pretty awful, because what kind of God doesn't want all of you, exactly as you are? "Be yourself," we tell our kids. "If someone expects you to change to be their friend, you don't want to be that person's friend."

And sure, all of that is true ... to an extent. But I think if we really analyze our closest friendships, we'll see that we *have* been changed by them. We aren't the same person we were on the day we met our best friend or before we fell in love with our spouse. The good relationships should always change us, form us. They should call us to some higher plateau on the mountain climb that is life. But to be nimble enough for the climb, there will be parts of ourselves that we have to jettison — pre-conceived notions, prejudices, selfish tendencies, habits that we cling to like a security blanket.

This is how we become who we are meant to be: by discerning what isn't helpful and good in our own nature, and letting it go.

"I saw the angel in the marble," Michelangelo once said of his artistic process, "and I carved until I set him free."

Would it not be a terrible tragedy if we all remained shapeless hunks of marble, untouched by the chisels of experience and relationship, thinking ourselves perfect exactly as we are?

God looks at us and he sees the angel hidden in the marble, imprisoned there by the constraints of earthly life: original sin, the weakness of our flesh, the unceasing enticement of the evil one. He sees past what we need to excise, what we need to lop off, what we need to relinquish. He knows we are greatly attached to every part of ourselves, even those parts that lead us to sin. He sees more than what is. He sees what can be.

"Cleanse me from my unknown faults!" — Psalm 19:13



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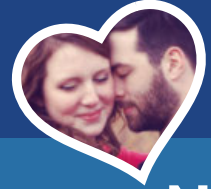
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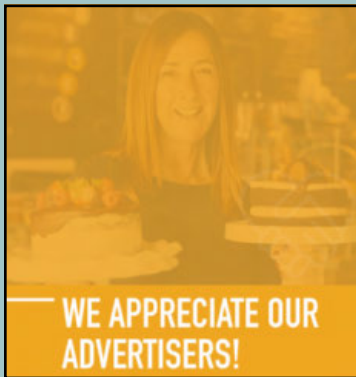


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