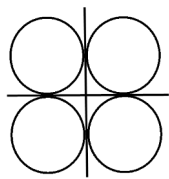


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

September 6, 2020 Twenty-Third 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.

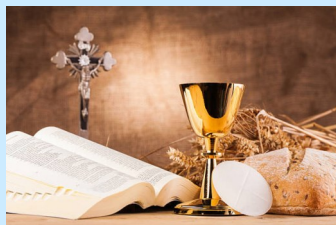


23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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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
Sue Murray
from the Webster Council
of Churches
In appreciation of all who
serve us.

Seeds for the Journey

Here is my semi annual update on what we are up to here in the office and buildings. We continue to be closed to visitors and stagger the staff in the office to reduce the amount of cleaning/disinfecting as well as limit exposure because each of us (or a family member) has underlying health conditions.

Unfortunately, no BBQ, picnic, or VBS this year. Instead we are working on in-house projects and getting ready for the fall. And Mass seat sign ups!

In the Church we now have votive candles on either side of the Blessed Virgin Mary. From the flickering lights we can see that more people are using this devotion each week. A reminder that the candles are reset each Friday.

Work is progressing on upgrading our video Mass streaming as well as making it possible to view the Readings, Creed, and Gloria during Mass from screens (since we removed the Gather books). It is taking a little longer than expected since we are trying to reuse some of our existing equipment (to save money) and our electrical system is old. However, the Diocesan IT department is advising us (and saving us more money.)

A small piece of asbestos was in such a position that we felt it was best to be removed before it caused a problem. We contracted to have that done.

Several dead elm trees on the edge of our property were a risk to the neighbors behind us if they fell. So we had them removed.

Mass seating continues to be a challenge. You may notice that the number of available seats varies from week to week. This is due to the size of the groups that sign up. Our highest attended mass (109) had multiple groups of four and five. Last week we were completely full Thursday morning at 102 because we had a lot of two and threes. Fewer people, but placing the chairs 6 feet apart takes up more room so we can't fit as many.

We monitor the sign ups and if the numbers are high (and with smaller groups) we start placing the chairs in Thursday afternoon (or earlier) to see if we can fit them and then adjust the available seats on the sign up accordingly.

We know it is not convenient for everyone to have to sign up each week and we appreciate your patience with our system. It has been suggested that we should just set up the seats with a fixed number of each group and do a "first come first served". But then we likely would be turning people away (or seating smaller groups in larger sets if that was all that was available) and more seats would go unused. Please know that we are doing our best with a challenging situation.

Finally, believe it or not, we just approved the 2021 envelope schedule, ordered the 2021 Calendar, and are looking at the Christmas mailings.

Thanks for your continued support!

Robin



Bethany House Reopens & Needs Our Support!



Bethany House has reopened their food pantry and in response, St. Paul's is asking for your much needed donations. While they are not yet able to accept residents they are supplying essential items to the community and are requesting 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 any time during 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!

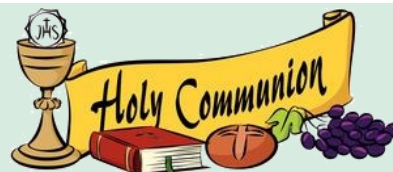
Confirmation Preparation 2020-2021

- 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 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!



We would like to congratulate **Catherine Maier** who is celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. May Christ's life and love fill you every time you receive Him in Holy Communion.

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

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!

Lost & Found

Are you missing a pair of gloves, glasses, or maybe your jacket? We have accumulated many items and would love for them to go back to their rightful owners. Contact Jodie at 671-2100 or via email Jodie.hickey@dor.org. and she will look through the lost and found for you.

Confirmation



Please join us in congratulating and praying for the Confirmation class of 2020! These young men and women worked very hard under trying circumstances to prepare themselves for this last

Sacrament of Initiation! We look forward to their involvement, their witness of faith and their leadership in our parish. We pray that the Holy Spirit will always provide them with guidance, protection and inspiration.

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| Hanna Atallah | Daniel Graf |
| Quentin Auinger | Lucia Johnson |
| Madelyn Brunswick | Sofia LaManna |
| Gretchen Coffed | Jackson Mulcahy |
| Christopher Devlin | Sarah O'Connor |
| Sean Devlin | Gabriel Parisi |
| Jenna DiSalvo | Ava Scheible |
| Sara Fetter | Shanna Smith |
| Janelle Fullone | Alana Spano |
| Alec Gilbert | Shawn Trevett |

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:

If you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)

PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

SECOND READING:

Whatever other commandment there may be,
are summed up in this saying, namely,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Rom 13:9a)

GOSPEL:

"If two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." (Mt 18:19)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
Friday: Patriot Day
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day



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BEST
PAINTINGS.

—St. André Bessette

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Ezekiel is presented as the Lord's "sentinel," announcing both God's salvation and judgment. How would you react to such a divine command?

SECOND READING

Paul argues that "love is the fulfillment of the Law." What does this mean to you as a Christian?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus challenges his disciples to confront sin directly, even when it occurs with those closest to you. Why do you think Jesus encouraged this approach?