

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

September 8, 2019 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

**"WHOEVER DOES NOT CARRY HIS OWN
CROSS AND COME AFTER ME CANNOT
BE MY DISCIPLE." - LK 14:27**

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SEPTEMBER 8TH TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

SEPTEMBER 15TH TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 1:51-52

A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your enduring love, give them confidence and grace, and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials. Bless their teachers with wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve, as they embark on the journey together!
Amen.

Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Friday-Communion Service 8:30 a.m.

Individual Confession

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m. or by appointment



Saturday, September 7

Weekday

Please Note time change for Individual Confession & Mass

9:30-11:30A Prayer Shawl
3:00P Individual Confession
4:00P Mass

Sunday, September 8

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00A Mass
11:00A Mass

Monday, September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
7:00P Finance Council Mtg.

Tuesday, September 10

Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
9:15A Coffee & Catholicism
11:00A Staff Mtg.

Wednesday, September 11

Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00P Good Sam Outreach Mtg.
7:00P Choir Rehearsal
7:00P SOAR Catechist Mtg.

Thursday, September 12

Weekday

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Mass

Friday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00A Rosary
8:30A Communion Service

Saturday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

2nd Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development
3:00P Individual Confession
4:00P Mass

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Diocese of Rochester: www.dor.org

We warmly welcome all new parishioners and visitors to St. Paul's. To register please fill out a "request for registration" form available at all church entrances. Return it to the donations slot at the back of the church or to the parish office. A member of our pastoral staff will contact you to complete your registration.



August 31 & September 1 Collection

Due to the holiday, the bulletin was sent to press early. Collection figures will be published in a future bulletin. Thank you!

Let us Pray for Those in the Military

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our time of need. Amen.

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



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Anna Cristillo From Joseph & Helen Pellegrino

Seeds for the Journey

Counting the Cost of Discipleship

Today's gospel from Luke immediately follows last week's story of the great banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Those invited declined to attend citing other priorities such as care of land, possessions (oxen) and family (newly married). Today we hear Jesus use stark language to state the cost of discipleship. "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26-27).

As an effective teacher, Jesus sometimes used rhetorical tools of hyperbole and exaggeration to make his point. For example, we don't take literally the statement in Matthew 18:9 "if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out"! Jesus is not calling his followers to emotionally hate their families. In the ancient world, hating one's family meant doing something that injured them, particularly by disgracing them. Honor of the family was highly valued and protected. If some members joined a suspect movement and left their homes, this brought shame on the family. Indeed families felt the strain of divided loyalties and some felt dishonored when family members decided to follow Jesus.

To hate one's own life connotes detaching from and letting go of all that had previously defined that person. What defines us first and foremost is our relationship to Jesus. All other relationships flow from that. Our patron, St. Paul, would say the source of who we are and how we live, is to be our life "in Christ". Jesus again emphasizes the high cost of following him. At a minimum, "carrying the cross" requires giving up self-interest and competing priorities.

Like anything else worth doing, discipleship takes practice, work, time and sacrifice. It helps for us to comprehend the Kingdom of God as Luke does. Throughout his gospel, the disciples are partners in Jesus' mission. The Kingdom of God is not future and political but present and spiritual. "For behold, the kingdom of God is among you." (17:21). It develops within time the way a mustard seed grows into a large bush or yeast leavens flour (13:18-21).

Nonetheless, we prefer hearing about God's commitment to us, rather than our commitment to God. Jesus goes on with two stories about the importance of counting the cost before taking on a mission. One is about building and one about battling. In effect Jesus is asking us, "If you follow me, are you committed? Do you have what it takes to complete the mission? Are you all in?"

Jesus' challenging call is as relevant for us today as it was to his original disciples. We too are strongly influenced by the culture around us which sometimes promotes values and character traits in conflict with the message of Jesus. As you reflect on today's gospel, perhaps it will be fruitful to ask yourself, "What am I being called to build up for the Kingdom of God? What am I being called to stand up for, to protect and defend?" Creighton University's Fr. Andy Alexander SJ hears Jesus' words for us today as something like this.

"I'm asking you to grow in the freedom it takes to follow me with all your heart. Renounce whatever turns your heart against me and my Word. Disassociate yourself from habits, stances, identities which are foreign to the spirit of generosity, self-sacrifice and love for others the way I love you. It will involve carrying a cross, but for everything you surrender, I will repay you with more than you can ask or imagine."

Katherine

Grief Share

Our new faith-based bereavement support group begins soon. We will meet Thursdays from 1:30-3:00 pm in classroom 7. This 13 week program runs from September 19 until December 19 (with no meeting on Thanksgiving Day). Program brochures are available in the hallways. Contact Pastoral Associate Katherine Cappuccio, 671-2100 x24 to register or with questions. The registration fee of \$20 covers all sessions.

Volunteers Are Needed for Coffee & Donut Hour



Donuts will be served and the coffee will be brewing at the Jambo Java Café beginning Sunday, September 15th after the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses.

Are you or your family looking for a way to share your time and talent at St. Paul's? Volunteers are needed! Give this ministry a try! Volunteering is an opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners while serving and cleaning up. Helen Stirpe will be there to assist so please don't hesitate if this would be your first time helping in the café. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the office.

For more information, feel free to email: helen.stirpe@dor.org or contact the parish office 671-2100.

Pre-K Teacher Needed!

St. Paul's School of Religion is in need of a person who would be willing to teach our Pre-K children on Sunday mornings, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. We have a wonderful little group of children who have been waiting to be a part of our formation effort—won't you please consider being their teacher? No experience necessary, just a love for God and His children! (Please contact Sue Ward at 671-2110 or susan.ward@dor.org.)

*"Every child you encounter is
a Divine appointment."
~~Maria Montessori*

Fruit of the Vine Wine Tasting Fun Raiser



**November 9, 2019
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Premium Finger Lakes wines hand-crafted by O'Neh'Da & Eagle Crest Vineyards will be featured and available for purchase.



Throughout the evening we will be serving a variety of hors d'oeuvres and appetizers.

Tickets are \$15 each and will be available in October.

Save the Date!

Calling All Card Sharks!

Join St. Paul's Euchre Club in the parish hall every 2nd and 4th Thursday each month. This month we will play cards on September 12th and September 26th from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to play Euchre along with getting to know other parishioners and share some fun time together. All are welcome.

To register, sign up on the bulletin board in the south hallway.

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Have You Read...

Donoghue, Emma
The Wonder

This novel, set in Ireland shortly after the Great Potato Famine, deals with a mystery, medical ethics, religious fanaticism, cultural clashes, family dysfunction, and morality. A young English nurse has been hired to determine the validity of the claim of a rural Irish family that their eleven-year-old daughter, Anna, has taken no food for four months and yet is miraculously thriving. The child is seen locally as being especially blessed by God and she reports that she receives manna from heaven. Just about every character has ulterior motives of one kind or another to want this phenomenon to be real—the priest (the local church would benefit mightily if Anna were to be declared a saint), the doctor, the innkeeper, the parents. Gradually the nurse and the child develop a bond that transcends those self-serving agendas. (Call No. Fic – DON; New)

For the Children

Clements, Andrew
The School Story.

What books are popular these days with kids and publishers? School stories, the adventure genre, and series books according to the marketing department at the publishing house where Natalie's mom works as an editor.

I bet I could write a school story . . . thinks Natalie. Her rather animated and determined friend, Zoe, not only agrees, but insists her friend's school story must be published. But Natalie is just as adamant that her mother won't be able to publish it for her. Where there is a will there is a way with Zoe. How will she go about getting it published? Read The School Story to find out. A great read, as are most of Andrew Clements's works.

FIC CLE Grades 3 – 7.

Are You Thinking About the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that consists of learning about the Catholic Faith/Church through instruction and group faith sharing, participation in rites/blessings and reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Here at St Paul's, we usually meet once per week from Oct-May.

Are you:

- A person who has not been baptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic?
- A baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn more about and possibly join the Catholic Church?
- A baptized Roman Catholic who has never received Eucharist or Confirmation and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?

The Christian Initiation process offers an environment of support and guidance as you discover how God is working in your life. Is this process for you? Do you have a friend or neighbor who may be interested? For more information, call the office @ 671-2100 or contact Deacon Mark, mark.robbs@dor.org.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Next weekend, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. 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.

St. Paul's Annual Men's Retreat September 20-22, 2019

Share in the journey this year at Notre Dame Retreat House. Hear the stories from scripture which offer words of encouragement along our personal journeys. **Walk, Pray, and Talk** with Jesus as you journey through the retreat weekend. To register or for more information, please call Dan Milner 671-4391.

Ministry Schedule for September 14 & 15, 2019

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	Hannah Brodt T.J. Swinson	Margaret Milner Massimo Picca	Bella Pumputis Gianna Fullone
Ushers	Arnie Read Chris Strait	Dan Milner Katie Milner Paul Fetter	Fred Compertore Marilyn Merrigan
Sacristans	Pat Thomas	Jane Adams	Barr Family
Lectors Commentators	David Swinson Toni Lynn Swinson	Josephine Cozzo Michael Lyons	Jann Armantrout Jean Benedetto
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Kathy Olbrich Dennis Olbrich Ellen Oinen Don Oinen Fran Spina Janet Trippe	George Lejniaks Al Granville Mary Catherine Zona Peter Pellittieri Pat Amedeo Jack Black	Rose Riefer Anne LaClair George Hanley Christopher Koppen Ellen Santora Fred Compertore
Greeters	Forest & Julie Shick Volunteer Needed	D.A. Hutnick Joe & Marianne Ferrara	Ellen Santora Rose Riefer Volunteer Needed
Linens	Jeri Reidy		

**Music for September 8
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Lift High The Cross (*Crucifer*).....No. 881
 The Summons (*Kelvingrove*).....No. 790
 Now We Remain (*Haas-1957*).....No. 785
 Jesus Lead The Way (*Rochelle*).....No. 732
 Readings: No. 1160
 Psalm: 90 In Every Age, O Lord (Guimont).....No. 1160

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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

**Holy Land Pilgrimage
with Deacon Mark & Barbara Robbins**



There is still plenty of time to sign up for our ten day Holy Land pilgrimage beginning Feb 12th, 2020. For more information check out our website and even register for

the trip at <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com>: click on the Catholic Tours tab, then Know Your Tour Information? and type in the following information:

Tour: HL20, Date: 021220, Code: C, ID#: 52085

If you have questions feel free to contact us at mbjimps132@aol.com

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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