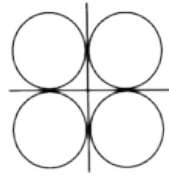


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

September 8, 2024 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

"Ephphatha!"—that is,
"Be opened!"
- Mk 7:34

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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 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, September 10

Weekday

8:30A Mass with Anointing

11:00A Staff mtg.

12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, September 11

Weekday

Patriot Day

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir Rehearsal

7:00P Good Sam Outreach mtg.

Thursday, September 12

Weekday

8:30A Mass

Friday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Saturday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

2nd Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, September 15

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

9:00A Mass

10:00A SOR Meet & Great

11:00A Mass-Blessing of Catechists



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Financial Snapshot

	July2024	
Collections	\$37,000	
Donations/ other revenue	\$4,450	
Expenses	\$53,000	
Operating surplus/deficit	\$-11,500	

**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
Marie Soprano
From
Theresa & family*

Seeds for the Journey

Making Disciples for Jesus

Dear friends, in Cameroon where I come from, this time of the year is usually referred to as “rentree scolaire.” After a long summer break, students and teachers are back in class. For some, it is an exciting time whereby they will reunite with friends, play high school sports, get involved with school club activities. Some students like the ‘rentree scolaire’ period because it shows them how they have grown. For the seniors, they are looking forward to enjoying their senior year, intensifying their college visits, re-taking SAT and ACT, applying to college etc. For some students this is not an exciting time; they may not want to wake up early to go to school, they may have forgotten to do their summer reading etc. Teachers also approach ‘rentree scolaire’ with mixed feelings. I love this period because I am a big fan of Fall sports. I also coach during the fall. As the Director of Faith Formation, I am excited by this period because our faith formation programs return soon. School of Religion classes begin on Sunday September 22, while Confirmation prep classes begin on Sunday September 29. We are very grateful for our amazing teachers who are willingly and freely volunteering their time to help educate the kids in the faith. Next Sunday, which is Catechetical Sunday, the parish faith formation staff and the catechists will all receive a special blessing from our pastor, Fr Paul. We are very grateful to the parents who have placed their confidence in us by bringing their kids so that we can help them in their faith journey. We all have a role to play in the faith formation of these children. We are grateful to you for your support of our faith formation programs. Like Oliver Twist, we need more. I wish to call on you to help bring more kids who are associated with this parish to join our faith formation programs. As Pope St John Paul II said: “the Church entrusts to young people the task of proclaiming to the world the joy which springs from having met Christ.” (Message for World Youth Day 1995). The saintly pope further challenges the young people to become missionaries of the new evangelization by daily witnessing to the Word that saves; and that ‘Word’ is Jesus. The main objective of our faith formation programs is to make our kids/students go closer to Jesus so that they can witness to him wherever they find themselves. The challenge of expanding our faith formation/ youth programs lies not only with the faith formation staff but on all of us. Let us use this school return period to think about how each of us can contribute further to expanding and making our faith formation programs bigger and better.

In this Sunday's gospel pericope from the Gospel of Mark, our Blessed Lord, Jesus, after healing the man born with a speech impediment, ordered the eyewitnesses not to tell anyone. This is a characteristic trait of Mark's Gospel which scholars refer to as the messianic secret. This is a pattern of Jesus ordering silence after healings. Its purpose was to show that Jesus was not a triumphant king but a suffering servant. As Christians who should not seek vain glory or human approval; we should not shun suffering either. Rather, when suffering comes, when we are persecuted for doing the right thing, we should remember that Jesus also suffered. We should unite our sufferings to that of Christ. We should go out and look for the lost sheep and as we begin our faith formation programs for the year; we should make the effort to leave our comfort zones to win disciples for Jesus. As we learn in the Gospel of Mark, being a disciple of Jesus demands sacrifice.

Anselm

St. Paul's Men's Retreat Weekend



Calling all men of St. Paul's to Join us for the Men's Retreat Weekend on September 20-22 at Notre Dame Retreat House located at 5151 Foster Rd. in Canandaigua, NY.

This years theme: ***"Just As You Are" - Encountering God's Mercy in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.***

To register or to receive more information, please contact Dan Milner at 208-6631.

Everyday Stewardship

I love watching replays of great sports highlights. Sometimes you see something so extraordinary that you tell others they have to see it to believe it. The one-handed catch, the in-the-park home run, and the photo finish are all examples of these types of moments. They are amazing feats that boggle the mind.

I wonder how many people in biblical times saw Jesus perform miracles and told others they wouldn't have believed it unless they saw it with their own eyes. Of course, we believe the stories of his miracles, and we didn't see them in person. We do believe them, don't we?

There is no television program that features replays of the actual miracles Jesus performed 2,000 years ago. However, there are miracles every day for the world to see. Many of those come about by allowing God to work through us. People are waiting to be healed and fed, and mountains are waiting to be moved. There might not be a replay for these miracles either. However, people will be amazed by the power of God. Jesus said we could do these things if we had faith. Blessed are those who believe but who have not seen. Furthermore, blessed are those who perform great works with God so that others may see.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Attention Singers!



Our first rehearsal of the season will be on Wed., Sept. 11 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Music Room. The St. Paul's Church Choir provides support for congregational singing as well as music for meditation. Our repertoire ranges from Latin chant to contemporary styles of music. The Choir sings at the weekend Masses on a rotating basis, i.e., the 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Mass one week, the Mass at 9:00 a.m. the following Sunday, and the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass the week after that. The Choir also sings at a Christmas Eve Mass and at Holy Week Liturgies.

The "Choir Season" runs from September through June. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30, as well as 30 minutes prior to whatever liturgies at which it is singing. While there are no auditions, members have to sing on pitch in the group and follow directions. While some of our singers have prior musical training, some do not. The Coordinator of Music is happy to provide additional resources (recordings) to help singers learn their choir pieces. Singers in the 9th grade and older are welcome to join the Choir.

St. Paul's Choir has a long tradition of excellence and is always seeking additional singers. We welcome new members for a short or long term commitment. Please contact John Gaspar, Coordinator of Music, after Mass or via email at : john.gaspar@dor.org

Together in Grief



If you have experience the death of a loved one, The "Together in Grief" meetings will resume on the third Thursday of each month beginning on September 19th at 11:00 a.m. the music room. All are welcome.

Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11



*God of mercy,
in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to
"Do to others as you would have them do to you."*

*Give us today the courage to assist those around us
who may need our assistance.*

Give us patience when we become impatient.

*Remind us to pray for all those who perished on
United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11,
United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77,
and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.*

*Give us a heart
thankful for those who gave their lives
as first responders, as did the men and women
who ran into danger to be of aid.*

*We ask all this in the name of the One
who first responded to our need for a savior,
Jesus the Christ.*

Amen!



From the John Walsh Library



Brunson, Margaret R.

Kateri Tekakwitha, Mystic of the Wilderness

Kateri, born in Northeastern New York State, was the daughter of a Mohawk chief. The name Tekakwitha translates as "She who bumps into things." She converted to Catholicism at the age of 19. She was a contemplative, a true mystic. She embraced a life-time vow of chastity and a harsh regime of self-punishment. Tragically, she died at age 24 in 1680. She was canonized in 2012, the first Native American to be declared a saint in the Catholic Church. This biography describes the key events of her life, including her baptism into a new life, the wilderness of the American continent in the 1600s, and the remarkable traditions and culture of the Iroquois nation. Known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," she endures as link to the past and a bridge between the Native American communities, our nation, and the Church. (Call No. 92-BRU)



Next weekend, September 14 & 15 there will be a second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting community-controlled, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, four life-changing community organizations are being funded with major CCHD national grants! They include a farmworker organization, a workers' center, a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester, and a refugee organization.

In support of this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Catholic Campaign for Human Development" in the memo. Thank you!

Ministry Schedule for September 14 & 15, 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	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Lucy Rynkiewicz Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Tom Napoli	Elizabeth Randisi	Cindy Rutan
EMHC	Mary Beth Speicher Sue Dettman	Margaret Milner Trisha DeBacco	Ruth Prinzivalli Fred Compertore
Greeters	Diana Kemp Patrice DeAngelis	Corey Volo Jeanne Leo	Anne Hauber Ellen Santora
Lectors	Barb Robbins	Volunteer Needed	Gene Mancuso
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Sue Dettman	Jane Adams	Laure Barr
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Sue Muto	Tom Napoli
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Don Black Volunteer Needed	Bill Green Fred Compertore



Dear St. Paul's Parishioners,
Thank you for your recent donation of food for our food pantry. Your continued support of this ministry is greatly appreciated.

May God bless you all for your generosity,
Webster Hope

**Rochester Hope
September Wish List**

Pampers, baby food, hand & body soap, paper products, household cleaning supplies, toothpaste, toothbrush & socks

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.



*Dear God,
What a grace to live in a world of
all ages and stages.
Bless our grandparents, today and always.
Thank You for their experiences,
wisdom, and insight.
Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church.
Thank You for the lessons they
teach the next generations.
Amen.*



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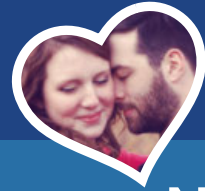
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