

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.



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.

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.



HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 14

Monday of Holy Week

8:30A Mass
9:00 Vac Pac

Tuesday, April 15

Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30A Mass with anointing
12:00P Rosary Group
6:00P Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral
6:00P Parish Pastoral Council mtg.

Wednesday, April 16

Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00P Choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 17

Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

Parish Office Closed at Noon
5:30P Child Eucharist catechesis
6:30P Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 18

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) **Fast & Abstinence**

Parish Office Closed
3:00P Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 19

Holy Saturday

11:00A Blessing of Food for Easter
8:00P Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

No SOR classes
No Confirmation Prep classes
9:00A Mass
11:00A Mass-First Holy Communion



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Financial Snapshot

	March 2025	July 2024-March 2025
Collections	\$25,740	\$382,320
Donations/ other revenue	\$500,190	\$35,580
Expenses	\$45,560	\$401,560
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(12,250)	\$13,885

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
Jeff McSweeney
From
Mom, Kathy*

Seeds for the Journey

Jesus, an epitome of Humility: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Dear friends, today we commemorate two very significant events in the life of Christ: his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his passion during which we observe the tragic arrest, trial, sentence and execution of Jesus. Hence, today has two names: Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. Today equally marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most solemn and most consequential week not only in our liturgical calendar, but for humanity. The events of this week changed the course of history for us humans, created in the *imago Dei*. That which was tainted and corrupted by sin, is made whole again. The Paschal mysteries which we commemorate this week reverse the course of disobedience initiated by Adam. Christ sums up all things in himself and restores humanity to its original state of holiness.

According to the Roman Missal on Palm Sunday during the Liturgy, "the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. Accordingly, the memorial of this entrance of the Lord takes place at all Masses, by means of the Procession or the Solemn Entrance before the principal Mass or the Simple Entrance before other Masses." Today's solemn procession is an ancient custom in the Church in which we the faithful, in song and gesture, imitate the Jews who went to meet the Lord singing 'Hosanna.' As Pope Benedict XVI explains in his book, *Jesus of Nazareth*, vol.2, "while Jesus is making a royal claim, he wants his action to be understood in terms of Old Testament prophecies that are fulfilled in his person." The prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading describes how the suffering servant, the messiah, accepts the role of suffering which the Father had designated for him. That is why Jesus went up to Jerusalem voluntarily, knowing well that there he would die a violent death. He is excluding any Jewish earthly understanding of the messiah. He is neither building on violence nor instigating a military revolt. Rather, as Pope Benedict XVI beautifully puts it, "His power is of another kind: it is in God's poverty, God's peace, that he identifies the only power that can redeem" (Cf. *Jesus of Nazareth*, vol. 2). Jesus is the suffering messiah; he is betrayed!

Our Lord is betrayed by one of his friends, Judas; the others deserted him; Peter, his lead apostle, denied him three times. The messiah suffers rejection, malice and hate. His messiahship is not that of one who wields earthly power, but one of humble service. This is described beautifully in the Second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians: "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself taking the form of a slave... He was humble even to accepting death, death on a cross." Christ, the messiah, offered himself on the cross for our salvation. It is a lesson of humility.

One of the aspects the today's liturgy invites us to, is to meditate on God's unconditional love for us. Love is the key word that runs throughout this week. Palm Sunday is the definitive step God took to demonstrate God's love for us. It is because of God's love for us sinners that Jesus definitively entered Jerusalem. We are to strive each day to spread ourselves under Christ's feet and cultivate that unconditional love for Christ and his Church by following the gentle, lowly, humble and self-giving example of Christ who offered himself for our salvation. We are therefore challenged to embrace humility and love, ready to make sacrifices for others. Today, let us Hosanna to the Son of David!

Anselm

Good Friday Holy Land Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Church and add Pontifical Good Friday Collection in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Office Closed in Observance of Easter



Holy Thursday, April 17 @ Noon

Good Friday, April 18

Monday, April 21
(Fr. Paul will celebrate daily
Mass at 8:30 a.m.)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Following Mass on Holy Thursday evening, Christians are encouraged to adore the Blessed Sacrament for a suitable period of time. During your adoration, you may read some parts of the Gospel of John (chapters 13-17).



Congratulations to **Henry Arseneau** and
Sebastian Cress for receiving the Sacrament of
First Reconciliation.

Holy Thursday Foot Washing

To be people of the Eucharistic table is to be people willing to bend down in humble service to all. During the Holy Thursday Mass we are all invited to follow the command of Jesus to wash each other's feet. If you will participate, please wear shoes and socks that are easy to remove.

Good Sam Outreach Lenten Food Drive April 12 & 13

Williamson Come-Unity Center is in need of the following items:

Bottled fruit juice (apple, tomato, grape)

Cereal

Canned tomatoes, Pasta/spaghetti

Pork & beans

Canned fruit

Peanut butter & Jelly

Chicken noodle soup

Please place your bagged donations in the collection box in the Narthex. Deliveries will be made at the beginning of the following week.



Dear St. Paul's Parishioners,

Thank you very much for your generous food donation to Sr. Regis Food Cupboard. We really needed it!

We pray that God will bless you. *"I was hungry and you gave me food to eat."*

With gratitude,
Sr. Julia & Staff



Called to Share Bread for Life

Holy Week, a sacred time in the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and the joy of the resurrection to the world. To donate to CRS, visit St. Paul's website at stpaulsrcc.org to find the link on our home page.

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

Over the Jubilee Year we will explore the themes of Hope, Pilgrimage, and Jubilee, always ending with a question for you to consider over the week.

Today starts with a pilgrimage into Jerusalem. We see the disciples preparing for Jesus' entry, and then the crowd's reaction to his procession into the city. Pilgrimage is all about preparation and journey.

Ponder Point: When have you made preparations for a journey, maybe as simple as finding a jacket, that paid off and made the journey easier?

Pilgrimage to St. Michaels



On Saturday March 29, the Confirmation candidates and two of the grade 7 School of Religion students went on a pilgrimage to St Michael's Church. A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to a holy site or outdoor space to experience God in a unique way. The goal is transformation. The pilgrims seek to encounter something deeper and profound from a less familiar but enriching environment. It is an intentional encounter with the story of God's work in the world. In 2010 at the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, Pope Benedict XVI said the following "To go on pilgrimage really means to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God where he has revealed himself, where his grace has shone with particular splendor and produced rich fruits of conversion and holiness among those who believe." Our Confirmation candidates sought to encounter God in service to the poor at Rochester hope and carried reflections at the very beautiful St Michael's Church. The day concluded with a recitation of the Jubilee Prayer of Hope. This pilgrimage was done in the context of the 2025 Jubilee of hope.



The Fast Life

Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.
Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism;
Feast on hope.
Fast from negatives;
Feast on encouragement.
Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.
Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.
Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Fast from anxiety;
Feast on faith.
- Author Unknown



Pascal Fast

Christians are reminded of the Paschal Fast which should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and continued, where possible, on Holy Saturday.

Lenten Facts

Did you Know?

"The fundamental fact is that penance is integral to the Christian life because we have been redeemed by Christ's passion, death and resurrection. This is the context within which the phrase 'the divine law binds all the Christian faithful to do penance' should be understood. Penance is not an 'optional extra' that some may choose to do from time to time: the law of God obliges all people to do penance."

Ministry Schedule for April 19 & 20, 2025

Due to the large amount of volunteers for the Triduum and Easter Sunday Masses the schedule is not posted in the bulletin this week. Please contact the parish office if you have a question regarding the schedule.. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

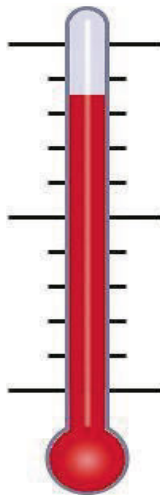


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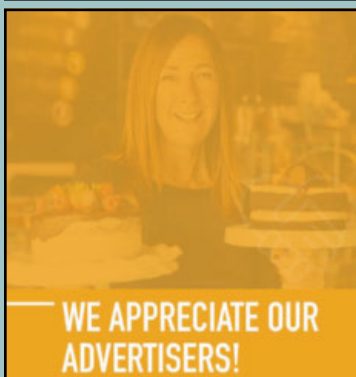
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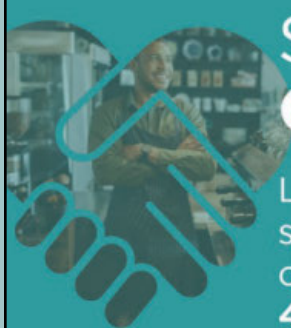
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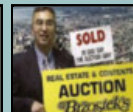
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