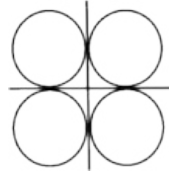


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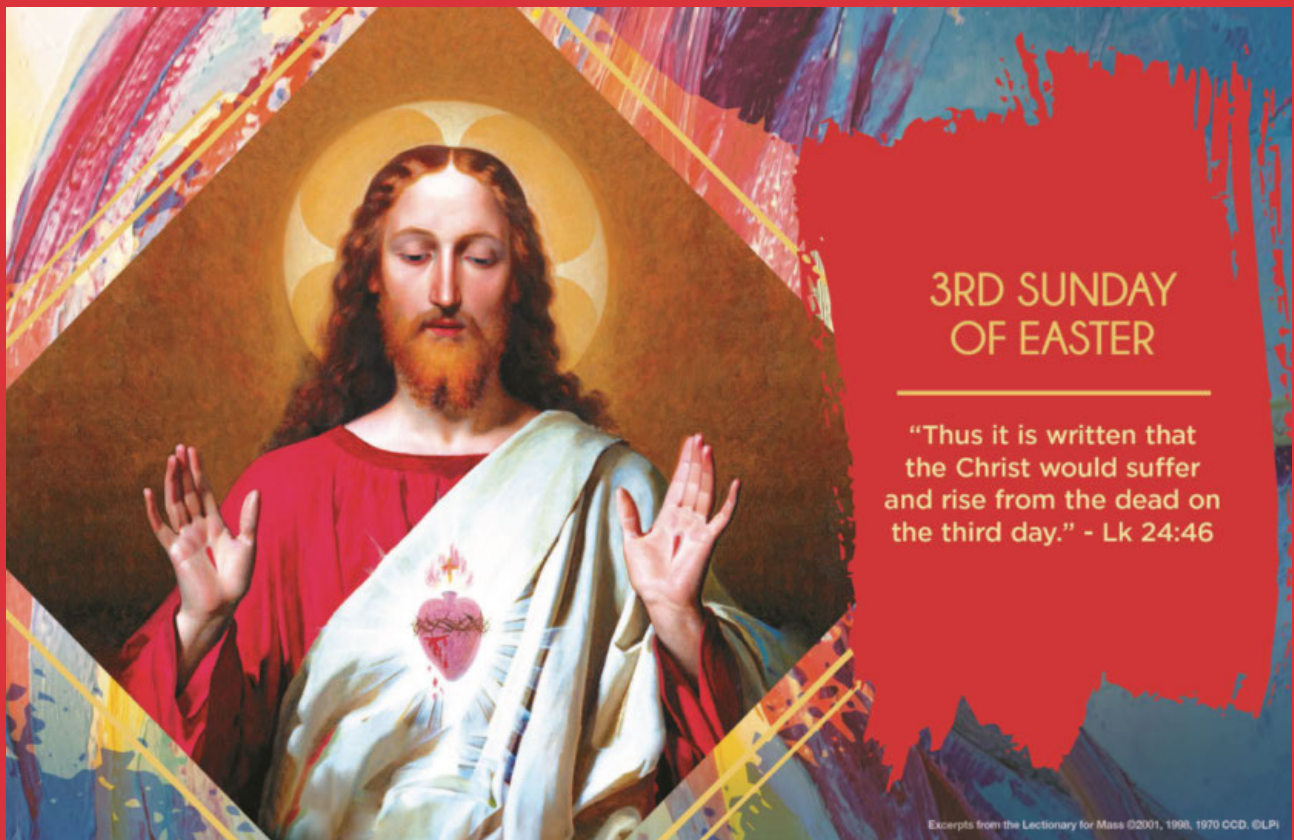


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

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.
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, April 15

Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass
11:00A Book Club

Tuesday, April 16

Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass with anointing
12:00P Rosary Group
6:00P Parish Pastoral Council mtg.

Wednesday, April 17

Easter Weekday

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

Thursday, April 18

Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass
11:00A Together in Grief

Friday, April 19

Easter Weekday

No Mass

Saturday, April 20

Easter Weekday

9:30A Confirmation Prep yr. 2 exit interview
10:00A Prayer Shawl
2:00P Confession
4:00P Mass

Sunday, April 21

***4th Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for
Vocations***

9:00A Mass
10:00A SOR classes
10:00A Confirmation Prep class yr. 2
11:00A Mass



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Financial Snapshot

	March 2024	July-March 2024
Collections	\$34,106	\$389,068
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,246	\$46,479
Expenses	\$40,176	\$392,856
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(3,825)	\$42,690

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Bryan Gross	Cydney Blong
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Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
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*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Marie Soprano
From
Theresa & family*

Seeds for the Journey

The Lord has Truly Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Sunday, we celebrate the third Sunday of Easter. We are already well into the Easter Season. As we are aware, during Easter, we celebrate our Blessed Lord rising from the dead, destroying death and leading us unto a living hope. Because Christ rose from the dead, we too believe that one day we shall also rise from the dead. Easter is not just like other feasts, the Catechism of the Catholic Church describes it as the "Feast of feasts," and the "Solemnity of Solemnities." (Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church n. 1169). What does it mean to rise from the dead?

When the Church teaches that Christ rose from the dead, the Church does not mean Christ returning to this earthly life. After the Resurrection, Christ did not return to this earthly body like Lazarus did, but he had a transformed and glorified body. Christ was no longer subjected to the laws of time and space. I was privileged to write last year's Seeds for Easter Sunday 2023. Concerning the question about the resurrection, I wrote the following: "The Resurrection is a meta-historical event. It is not governed by the laws of space and time. It goes beyond history. However, the manifestations of the resurrection can be historically verified. The Resurrection is so profound that it goes beyond and deeper than human and even artificial intelligence can explain scientifically." In this Sunday's Gospel account from Luke, the evangelist narrates the story of one of the appearances of Jesus to his apostles during which he asks them to touch him and see that he is real because they thought he was a ghost. No, he wasn't a ghost. He was truly their Lord and master who had risen from the dead. The post resurrection appearances of Jesus are considered the positive signs of the resurrection. What do mean by a positive sign? Christ is seen by the apostles. It was not a hallucination but a reality. Christ indeed has risen from the dead. Jesus, being who is He is, being caring Master, asks his disciples if they had had anything to eat. Yes, it is important to take care of our spiritual lives but also the body needs food. One of the corporal works of Mercy is for us to feed the hungry. It is not enough to pray for those who lack the basic necessities of life but we should also make the effort to help; prayer is great, but it should be accompanied by action.

What joys that this season brings. We shall look no further than today's Gospel account. When Christ appears to his apostles, St Luke the evangelists tells us that he stood in their midst and said to them: "Peace be with you." The risen Jesus provides us with an inner peace that the world cannot offer. If we look to Jesus with faith, we can feel peace in any circumstance. In whatever quagmire we find ourselves, Jesus ready to help; Jesus is there for us. For his Resurrection, he has conquered the devil once and for all. The risen Jesus brings love, for God is Love. Jesus Christ is the incarnate love of God. Thomas Aquinas defines love as effectively willing the good of another. This is exemplified by Jesus. In him, Love reaches its most radical form through his death on the Cross. This love has an enduring present in the Eucharist. By his rising from the dead, Christ offers us the opportunity to love God and our brothers in a unique way.

Through his Resurrection, Christ opens for us the way to new life. Life with God in the Spirit that reinstates us in God's grace taken away by the sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve. Because Christ rose from the dead, we too shall rise from the dead. We can confidently continue to witness to Jesus by our lives: through what we say and what we do.

This desire and willingness to faithfully witness to Jesus is what we promised at our Confirmation. It is what our Confirmation candidates who shall receive their Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Matano on Wednesday May 1, 2024, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, have been prepared for. Let us pray for them so that they may embrace the Gospel message in its more radical form. To be a faithful Christian is challenging in this world. They need our prayers and encouragement to stand up to this challenge.

For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Anselm

**WELCOME
HOME!
FR. PAUL**



Dear editor, at noon the Church has a tradition of praying the angelus. Does that tradition stay the same for the Easter Season?

Dear reader, thank you for your question. While the Church recommends and encourages the praying of the Angelus at noon and at 6 o'clock daily, during the season of Easter, the Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) is recommended in its place. Kindly say this prayer at noon during the Easter season when you are chanced:

V. O Queen of Heaven Rejoice, Alleluia!

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia!

V. Has risen, as he said, Alleluia!

R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia!

V. Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!

R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia!

God our Father, you give joy to the world, by the resurrection of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal Life. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.



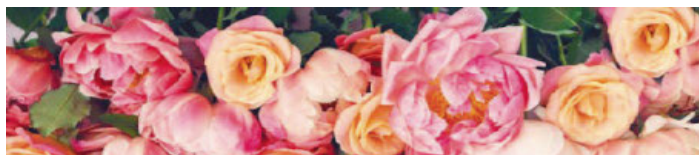
Webster Hope April Wish List

Ground coffee, cooking oil, applesauce (jar or can), cooking oil, ketchup, pasta (please no whole wheat), all toiletries especially shampoo, conditioner, body wash, laundry detergent, dish soap, diapers size 5/6 and baby wipes

Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations on a regular basis.

Together in Grief

St. Paul's bereavement group, *Together in Grief*, welcomes all who have suffered loss and are looking for group support. This group meets the third Thursday of each month to bond, heal, and discuss a variety of topics related to the loss of a loved one. All are invited to join the next meeting on Thursday, April 18th at 11:00 a.m. in the music room.



Mother's Day Flowers

We invite you to make a donation towards the purchase of plants and flowers to decorate the church, in memory or honor of your loved ones, for Mother's Day.

Please make your check payable to "St. Paul's Church" and mark your donation "**Mother's Day Flowers**" and include **who the donation is in memory of**; we will list them in the bulletin on Mother's Day. Please have your requests to the parish office **by Monday, May 6th**.

Please contact Jodie or Kasey with questions at 671-2100 or email at jodie.hickey@dor.org or Kasey.baker@dor.org.



Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations Resurrection Fuels Hopeful Action

Author Debie Thomas describes why our belief in Jesus' resurrection matters:

I believe that the historic creed I profess with countless other Christians on Sunday mornings tells me something essential and true: we believe in "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." If we abandon this belief, we'll do so to our impoverishment and our peril.

Why do I feel this way?... We live in a world marred by too many mass shootings to count, daily headlines of war, a rapidly worsening climate, increasing economic inequality, ongoing racist violence, and a second global pandemic of mental illness and anguish.

In the face of all this, I need to know that a better world is not just possible but assured. I need to trust that God's salvation encompasses not only those of us who enjoy fairly comfortable lives here on earth but also those who will not experience the salvific love, vindication, healing, and justice of God in this life.

In other words, I believe in heaven because I believe in God's salvation for the children who have died and will die in elementary school classrooms because the United States worships guns. For the millions around the world who died of the coronavirus before vaccines were developed. For Black, brown, Indigenous, gay, and transgender Americans who live in perpetual fear of violence and recrimination on our streets. For the young people who live under the shadow of mental illnesses that modern medicine can't yet alleviate. For casualties of war around the world. For people in chronic pain.... For all these people ... I need to know that, while we have every obligation to alleviate suffering in this world, the salvation of God's precious children does not, finally, depend upon our clumsy efforts....

I worry [that] ... if Christians lose our belief in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, we will also lose the ferocity of our hope, the holy restlessness that leads us to action, the commitment to justice that fuels our prophetic lament, solidarity, resilience, and courage. After all, how will we pray for God's kingdom to come, and how will we credibly usher in that kingdom in whatever small ways we can here and now, if we don't believe in its ultimate fulfillment?

Thomas names the paradox of Jesus' resurrection and continued woundedness:

If the resurrection really is the best good news that has ever hit the planet, then its goodness doesn't depend on us.... The tomb is empty. Death is vanquished. Jesus lives. Period. We are not in charge of Easter; God is.

In fact, Jesus's own resurrected body speaks to the importance of lament in the midst of joy. Even in the most triumphant story ever told in Scripture or history, scars remain (John 20:27).... Resurrection is a way forward from the grave that honors the scars we carry, helping us to bear them with resilience and hope.

From the John Walsh Library

Van Kaam, Adrian

Spirituality and the Gentle Life

This book presents reflections on the theme of spirituality and gentleness. In a time of hostile rhetoric and incessant finger pointing, we need to be reminded how gentle Jesus was with public sinners, despised persons, tax collectors, thieves and murderers. He also warned against the pseudo-spirituality of certain high priests and Pharisees. When we defend our family or our beliefs, when we fight for justice and human rights, our words may be angry, as were some of the words of Jesus, but we need to remember the gentle example of Jesus who exhorted us to love our neighbor. The wolf must sometimes be the guest of the lamb. (Call No. 248.4-VAN)

St. Paul's CMA Update



Ministry Schedule for April 20 & 21, 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	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Bonnie Serio	Elizabeth Randisi	Bob Slon
EMHC	Mary Beth Speicher Trisha DeBacco	TBD TBD	Cindy Ottina Gina McNamara
Greeters	Diana Kemp Volunteer Needed	Linda D'Antonio Jerry Healey	Nancy Willard Anne Hauber
Lectors	Linda Pratt	Josephine Cozzo	Volunteer Needed
Linens	Jeri Reidi (No specific time for pick up)		
Sacristans	Sue Dettman	DA Hutnick	Laure Barr
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Lou Rotundo	Chris Yuskiw
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony

On Sunday, April 28th at 11:15 a.m. Bishop Matano welcomes all married couples and their guest to attend and renew their vows at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

If you would like to attend, please register by emailing Don Smith, at: donald.smith@dor.org.

Also, if you would like your anniversary listed in the Catholic Courier please write to:

weddings@CatholicCourier.com

In your email please include, your names, the church and town where you were married, and the date and year of your wedding. You can also send a photo if you like. Submissions are due to the Courier by April 30th.



Everyday Stewardship

If you ask me to tell you about one of my sons, my daughter, or my wife, I could spend quite some time elaborating on them as individuals and my interactions with them throughout the years. An authentic relationship leads each party into a rich knowledge of the other. If I have little to say about someone other than some incidental information or gossip, I cannot claim to really know him or her.

Indeed, every relationship has expectations. If we do not know the needs of the other or the responses expected in living out the relationship, we easily create division and separation. I do certain things for my children because I am a parent. I respond in certain ways to my wife based upon her needs. If I am oblivious, or just don't care, the relationship will move on a path toward hurt, pain, and in some instances, permanent separation.

To know Jesus is to love Jesus. The key is you actually have to know him. Knowing him is listening to his words and keeping his commands. Just like in all relationships, we will fall short at times. However, because we know the expectations we can then make amends and continue to grow together. So if I asked you to tell me about this friend of yours named Jesus, what would you say?

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS @ LPI



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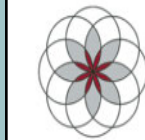


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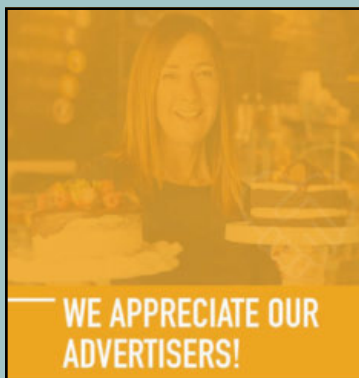
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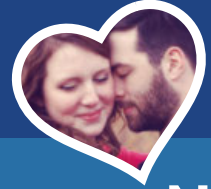
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