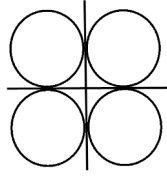


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

April 16, 2023 Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

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.



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas,
"Put your finger here and
see my hands, and bring
your hand and put it into
my side, and do not be
unbelieving, but believe."
- Jn 20:26-27

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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.

Upcoming Events



Monday, April 17

Easter Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, April 18

Easter Weekday

No Mass

Wednesday, April 19

Easter Weekday

No Mass

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30P Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series: Guest Speaker, Fr. Bob Kennedy "The Real Presence of the Eucharist"

7:00P Choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 20

Easter Weekday

No Mass

11:00A Together in Grief

Friday, April 21

Easter Weekday

No Mass

Saturday, April 22

Easter Weekday

930A Confirmation Candidates year 2 exit interview with Fr. Paul

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, April 23

3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00A Mass-choir sings

10:00A SOR classes

10:00A Confirmation Prep class yr. 1

11:00A Mass

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Paul Gitau

Deacon: Mark Robbins

Administrative Asst.: Jodie Hickey x21

Adult Faith Formation Coordinator:

Katie Van Damme x24

Business Manager: Kasey Baker x30

Confirmation Minister: Anselm Mesue x27

Coordinator of Music: John Gaspar

Coordinator of SOR & Facilities Cleaning:

Helen Stirpe x25 or 671-2110

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Multi Parish Finance Director: Joan Sullivan: 671-1100 x21

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Office Hours

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8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday

(closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)

Phone: 671- 2100

Emergency Number: 369-9687

Website: www.stpaulsrc.org

Diocese of Rochester: www.dor.org



Financial Snapshot

	March 2023	July 2022-March 2023
Collections	\$37,500	\$348,853
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,076	\$52,404
Expenses	\$38,459	\$428,829
Operating surplus/deficit	\$2,116.64	\$(31,564)

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman

Josh Bartlett

Zach Bartlett

Andrew O'Brien

Bryan Gross

Cydney Blong

Tom Weisenreder

Michael J. Desiato

Mason Serrano

Daniel Thomas

Andrew Zani

Jay Riesenberger



*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Thomas Baggett
From
Jim & Bonnie Fowler*

Seeds for the Journey

Solemn Mass of Chrism

On Tuesday of Holy week **ALL** were invited, to attend the Chrism Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. This includes the ordained religious groups or individuals, parishioners designated to transport the holy oil back to their parish, and those who are preparing for Sacraments.

During the Chrism Mass Bishop Matano concelebrates with priests from various regions of the diocese. Fr. Paul and his fellow priests renewed their promises made at their ordinations. Bishop Matano consecrated the Sacred Chrism and blessed the other oils to be used throughout the year.

Oil of the Sick: (Blessed) This oil is used for the Anointing of the Sick. Healing them in body, in soul, and in spirit, delivering them from every affliction.

Oil of Catechumens: (Blessed) This oil gives wisdom and strength to all who are anointed with it in preparation for their Baptism, bringing them to a deeper understanding of the Gospel.

Oil of Chrism: (Consecrated) This oil is to anoint for God; priests and kings, prophets and martyrs. It will be used at Baptisms, Confirmations, Ordinations to Sacred Priesthood and the Episcopacy. Added to this oil is Balsam. This sweet, fragrant resin from trees typifies the innate sweetness of the Christian virtues.



During Holy Thursday Mass they were individually presented by a representative (Oil Bearer) for each oil to Fr. Paul.

Then Deacon Mark and the Oil Bearers travelled to the Ambry with the oils to be placed in their respective spots. Each oil jar has an etched symbol that matches the symbol on the gold plaque on each shelf.

The type of oil used is Olive oil.

I enjoyed this wonderful mass. I invite you to consider attending next year.

Helen

Rosary Group

The Rosary Group is one of the fastest growing groups at St. Paul's Church. With over 20 members of both experienced and inexperienced members- prayers, friendships, support, and faith are at the heart of every gathering. We invite you to join us each Tuesday at 12:00 to recite the Rosary with a warm and welcoming group of men and women growing in their spirituality. ***Please note, May 16th and June 6th Rosary Group will be moved to 10:45 AM, immediately following Coffee and Catholicism.**



Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series



On Wednesday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m. we welcome Fr. Bob Kennedy as our next Eucharistic Revival presenter. He will reflect on *The Real Presence of the Eucharist*. Fr. Bob is a retired priest who is well known throughout the diocese. He was a former professor at St. Bernard's School of Theology, a pastor for several diocesan parishes, and the diocesan Director of Liturgy, followed by diocesan Director of Continuing Education. We hope you can join us as we dive deeper into the mystery of Christ in the Eucharist.

Pre-planning Your Funeral

Planning the funeral of a loved one is very difficult while in mourning. To ease the burden and stress on those we love, many have begun to make their own arrangements by pre-planning their funeral and liturgy services. On May 23rd at 6:30 PM, Jeff Scott, the funeral director of Willard H. Scott Funeral Home, and Katie Van Damme, the Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, will present on pre-planning your funeral serves. Jeff will cover the Funeral Home process while Katie will discuss liturgy planning. More information to come as the date gets closer.

Together in Grief

What a mess! It's time for spring cleaning and you're up to your knees in tree branches! The bright sun is great, but it's showing all the dust that's collected over the winter months! Help! There's so much to do! Do you ever feel this way? Do you need some assistance in and around your house and don't know where to turn? Join the next Together in Grief meeting on April 20th at 11:00 a.m. as we tackle ways to find help for some of the struggles you are facing.

Special Collection

Next weekend is the special collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your support of this appeal helps Dioceses in the United States meet the faith formation and sacramental needs of their communities.

Please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Catholic Home Missions" in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.

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 office **by Monday, May 8th**.

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



Please Help!

The Butterfly Boutique found at the Angels of Mercy, located on Winton Road in Rochester, offers free clothing to women who are transitioning from major challenges and re-entering the workforce. Women need casual and business casual clothing that allows them to feel uplifted and special. You can help women to go forward in life. Please donate items that are clean and ready to wear. Donations accepted at St. Paul's in the labeled totes in the Narthex April 22-30. Or if you prefer pick-up: call 872-1379. Thank you on behalf of Good Sam Outreach.

Webster Back Pack Thanks You!

Thank you for all the food that was delivered to Immanuel for Webster Back pack! It was much needed and will be distributed in the next few weeks. We appreciate all that St Paul's does to support this ministry.

Thank you,
Deb Huehn
Service Ministry Chair at Immanuel Lutheran

St. Paul's Question of the Week

Dear editor, what is the season of Easter, what do we celebrate during this season and what major feasts do we celebrate during the Easter season?

Dear reader, as your question rightly implies, **the Easter celebration does not end on Easter Sunday. During the Easter Season, Christians celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.** Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, who became a human like us in all things but sin, was crucified, died and rose from the dead. By his rising from the dead, Christ conquers death and restores new life. When talking about the nature of the resurrection, Fr. Maurice Agbaw-Ebai (he is a professor of theology and philosophy at St John's Seminary, Boston) invites us to "understand the Resurrection not as a noun but as a verb. God has done something in Jesus of Nazareth that has implications for the world. By raising Jesus from the dead, God has shown that God is interested in doing something about evil, pain, injustice, and sin in the world...with the Resurrection, God has shown that God is not a passive spectator...God did not wait for history to end. God acted in history regarding injustice and evil. And so must we. That is the challenge and invitation of living the life of the Resurrection today. And that is why the Resurrection is essentially a verb and not a noun."

Liturgically, **the Season of Easter ends on Pentecost Sunday. During Pentecost, the Church commemorates the coming down of the Holy Spirit on the disciples 50 days after Easter.** But before that, today, **the second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, which concludes the Octave of Easter** (the Easter Eight days). This feast was instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II on May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of the Polish nun, St Faustina. St Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. In his Regina Caeli message of April 10, 1994, Pope Saint John Paul II said: "what is mercy if not the boundless love of God, who confronted human sin, restrains the sentiment of severed justice and, allowing Himself to be moved by the wretchedness of His creatures, spurs Himself to the total gift of self, in the Son's cross? We have a greater need than ever for a regenerating experience of Mercy." On this Divine Mercy, we celebrate God's immense love for us, our God who is merciful. **On the fortieth day of Easter, Christians celebrate the Ascension of our Lord;** the belief that Jesus went up to heaven while the disciples were watching.

If you have any doctrinal or faith-based questions you would like included in the bulletin, kindly email your questions to either Jodie Hickey at jodie.hickey@dor.org or Anselm Mesue at anselm.mesue@dor.org.

From the John Walsh Library

Lewis, C.S.

Surprised by Joy (The Shape of my Early Life)

C.S. Lewis is the renowned British writer, scholar, and lay theologian who is probably best-known for his The Chronicles of Narnia series. Here he describes his spiritual journey and his eventual conversion from atheism to Christianity. He describes his early years, especially at Malvern College when he was 15, but the principal theme is *Joy*. This joy was a deep longing for something so good he couldn't put it into words. He began to read even more widely and often found himself profoundly moved by many writers who were Christian. He gradually realized the connection between *God* and *joy*. Joy was valuable because it pointed to God. (Call No. 92-LEW)

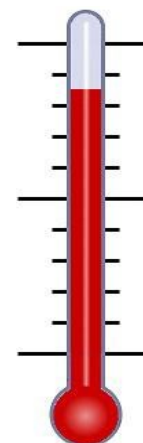


Save the Date

Adult Week of Reflection will take place again this summer. Please mark your calendars for the week of August 7-11. This week long journey will include a morning retreat, a movie, fellowship luncheon, an opportunity for service, and a special group outing. Most events will take place late morning to early afternoon. You will be able to attend one to all five events as your schedule allows. More details to come in the following months.

St. Paul's CMA Update

Your CMA gift supports ministries that affect every Catholic in our Diocese. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's in this year's campaign.



Goal
\$105,000

Pledged
\$94,211.50

89.73%
of our goal

Ministry Schedule for April 22 & 23, 2023

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	Maggie Milner Volunteer Needed	Lucy Rynkiewicz Josh Tara Katie Yuskiw
Cantors	Tom Napoli	Bonnie Serio	Bob Slon
EMHC	Sue Dettman TBD	Jack Black TBD	Karen Napoli TBD
Greeters	Bill Galbraith Diana Kemp	Linda D'Antonio Jerry Healey	Jean Van Apeldoorn Anne Hauber
Lectors	Toni Lynn Swinson	Crissy Picca	Tim Thomas
Linens	Jerry Reidy (no specific time for pick up)		
Sacristans	Irene Dragt	Jane Adams	Laure Barr
Stream Team	John Kosel	Lou Rotundo	George Hanley
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

St. Paul's VBS 2023



Join us for St. Paul's Vacation Bible School (VBS) on the week of July 17-21 for five fun filled days of games, crafts, music, missions, Bible stories and snacks concluding with a picnic lunch on Friday.

There is still time to register. Registration forms can be printed from our website. Forms are also available on the bulletin board across from the parish office. Cash or check only please.

Eucharistic Speaker Series

Please join us on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. for our final Eucharistic Speaker of the season. Christine Kvam, Campus Minister at Our Lady of Mercy High School, is back by popular demand to lead us in a presentation on *Becoming Eucharistic People*. Much was shared these last several months about the Eucharist and it's history throughout the new and old testaments, the saints and Mary's devotion to the Eucharist, and the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is now time to take what we have learned and to become Eucharistic people. Christine will teach us how to be Christ to others in the world and to spread His message of love and peace.

Jesus, I trust in You

Most Merciful Jesus,
whose very nature it is
to have compassion on us
and to forgive us,
do not look upon our sins
but upon our trust which we place
in Your infinite goodness.
Receive us all into the abode
of Your Most compassionate Heart
and never let us escape from it.
We bet this of You by Your love
which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit.
Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze
Upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners,
All enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus.
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
Show us Your mercy, That we may praise the
omnipotence of Your mercy
Forever and ever.
Amen.

