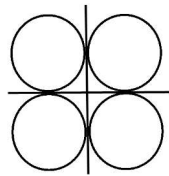


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

April 19, 2026 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.



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. - Lk 24:30-31

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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.

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 20

Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass
11:00A Book Club

Tuesday, April 21

Easter Weekday

No Mass
12:00P Rosary Group
6:00P Parish Pastoral Council mtg.

Wednesday, April 22

Easter Weekday

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

Thursday, April 23

Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass
6:00P Bible Study

Friday, April 24

Easter Weekday

No Mass
6:00P Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist
2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions Appeal

10:00A Confirmation Exit Interviews yr. 2
12:00P Wedding
2:00P Confession
4:00P Mass
5:00P Youth Pasta Dinner

Sunday, April 26

4th Sunday of Easter

2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions Appeal

9:00A Mass-choir sings
10:00A SOR classes
10:00A SOR Christian Community Lesions-Parent Discussion
10:00A Confirmation Prep classes yrs. 1 & 2
11:00A Mass

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Financial Snapshot

	March 2026	July-March 2026
Collections	\$35,977	\$394,284
Donations/ other revenue	\$8,075	\$54,127
Expenses	\$48,955	\$454,657
Operating surplus/deficit	(\$4,903)	(\$6,245)

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
PJ Lajoie	Cydney Blong
Tom Weisenreder	Michael J. Desiato
Mason Serrano	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Betty Heim
from
Kathleen Zbelwski*

Seeds for the Journey

In the aftermath of the crucifixion of Jesus Luke tells us, both in his Gospel and in the Book of Acts, how the disciples came together somewhere in Jerusalem, hiding in fear behind locked doors. They were confused, shocked, and disoriented; "they did not yet understand," Luke says! Luke then takes us on a journey that allows us to witness the transformation of the disciples from a community living in darkness and fear to a spirit-filled community of light and life bent on a mission of bringing the Gospel message to the world. And we can see a bit of that transformation in today's Gospel.

On the road to Emmaus, ~ seven miles west of Jerusalem, we find two disciples discussing the events they had just experienced. Their Messiah had been crucified, their hopes for Israel shattered, their perception of Jesus was confused, and their vision of the future uncertain. Even the timing of the event - at the end of the day - suggests that the disciples were experiencing a period of darkness. They were caught up in grief and uncertainty as their hopes for the future were lost, or so it seemed.

However, when the disciples finally reach their destination in Emmaus something dramatic happens. Their hearts and minds are opened to Jesus' presence both in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. They are moved from doubt and fear to courageous faith. Life once again has meaning. They have a new vision, a renewed hope, and their hearts are burning with excitement. So, they hurry back to Jerusalem to tell their fellow disciples how Jesus had made himself known in the breaking of the bread.

In many ways the Emmaus story is our story. Like the disciples, we all have moments in our lives in which our hopes and dreams have been shattered, when events in the world around us make no sense, when people we love are suddenly gone, and when our vision for the future has suddenly become blurred. In moments like these we sometimes become like Mary Magdalene, standing at the empty tomb feeling lost, confused, and wondering where Jesus has gone.

The Emmaus story is about disciples living out their faith in an imperfect world who come together to be nourished by the risen Christ; a story of disciples renewed, transformed, refocused, and reenergized by the presence of Jesus in bread, wine, and Word. That is also our story. Throughout our journey of faith, the Risen Lord walks beside us in the midst of our struggles, our doubts, our fears, our anxiety, and our frustrations. And as Jesus walks with us he comforts, heals, forgives, restores, encourages, transforms, and renews us.

Unfortunately, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, it is easy for us to get so caught up in the struggles of the moment that we fail to recognize the presence of Jesus in our lives. So, it is important that we take time to pray, to reflect, to read scripture and spiritual literature, and to avail ourselves of the grace provided to us in the reception of the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist.

As we continue with our celebration of Easter, I pray that the peace of the Risen Jesus will fill our hearts and minds with hope and courage, and empower us to live and proclaim the Gospel message every day for rest of our lives.

Deacon Mark

Summer's Best Tradition is Back! Save the Date for Our Parish Picnic



Next weekend, April 25 & 26 there is a second 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. Thank you for your generosity.



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 checks payable to "St. Paul's Church" adding "Mother's Day Flowers" on the memo line. Be sure to include **who the donation is in memory/honor of; and who it is from.** Please have your requests to the parish office by Monday, **May 5.**

Contact Jodie with questions at 671-2100 or email at: jodie.hickey@dor.org.



Gardening Angels Volunteer Opportunity



Did you notice how beautiful the grounds at St. Paul's looked last summer? The Gardening Angels did a wonderful job caring for and enhancing God's property.

They are currently inviting more volunteers to join their committee. There are many areas to choose from, including the Narthex entrance, Ray's Creek, the front sign by the road, the rectory grounds, creek areas, the rectory mailbox and prayer area.

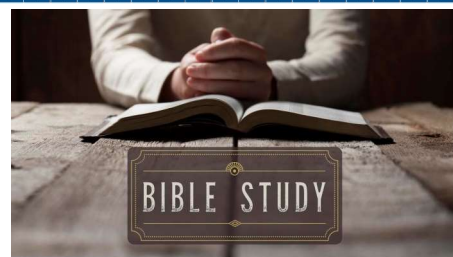
One of the best parts of this committee is its flexibility-you can select the area you'd like to care for and tend to it on your own schedule. Depending on the space, this may be once a week or once a month.

Please consider joining this important ministry. God will provide the rain-your hands can help bring the beauty.

If you interested, please email Ben O'Brien, Facilities Manager at ben.obrien@dor.org or Sue Dettman at csdettman13@gmail.com.



Beautiful Prayer shawls and lap robes made by St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry are available in the hallway across from the music room to take to someone in need. They are being offered free of charge as a reminder that when in need, you are surrounded by the prayers of others.



Monday, April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the worship area

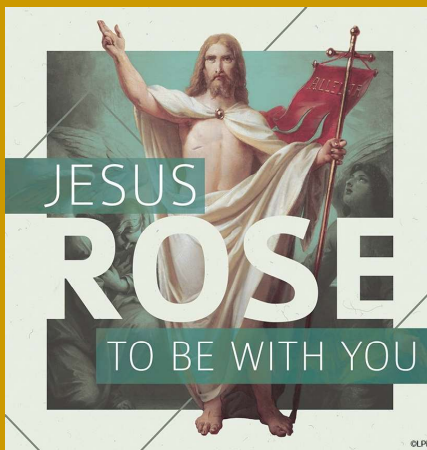


On Sunday, April 12, nine children from the School of Religion Program at St. Paul's Church in Webster received their First Holy Communion. These kids have undergone an intense preparation here at St. Paul's Church and at home which included their First Confessions. We are proud of the major step they have taken in their Christian lives. During the Mass of their First Communion reception, the pastor, Fr. Paul Gitau, strongly encouraged them to attend Mass every Sunday and he challenged them to sign up to be altar servers. During the Easter Vigil Mass, one of the confirmandi also officially became a communicant. The new Communicants at St. Paul's Church in Webster are:

Everett Burton
Colton Fox
Corrigan Johnson
Ella Burke
Owen Dewey
Peyton Houghton
Gia LeCesse
Arya Pumptuis
Bernardo Lustosa
Oliva Robbins

Youth Pasta Dinner

St Paul's Church is organizing a youth pasta dinner on Saturday April 25 at 5pm, following the 4pm Mass. All students from Kindergarten to 12th grade are invited to attend. There is no fee. We look forward to bringing our youths together as we continue to build our youth ministry. For more information, contact Anselm at Anselm.mesue@dor.org or Helen at helen.stirpe@dor.org.



From the John Walsh Library

Fr. Spitzer Answers 18 Questions About the Shroud of Turin

Are faith, science, and reason compatible? With years of study to back him up, Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., the prolific author, educator, and philosopher, answers with a resounding "Yes!"

One subject very close to Fr. Spitzer's heart is the Shroud of Turin. Many people, including Fr. Spitzer, believe this cloth truly covered Jesus in His tomb and was left behind after His Resurrection.

Some people say that the Shroud of Turin cannot be Jesus' burial cloth, citing carbon dating tests completed in the 1980s that cast doubt on the age of the Shroud. However, more recent studies tell a different story.

In this eBook, Fr. Spitzer answers several questions about the Shroud of Turin, addressing the Shroud's authenticity, how it can help us better understand the Crucifixion, the age of the Shroud (according to recent scientific testing), its relationship to the Divine Mercy image and the Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the meaning it holds for every Christian.

This eBook has been printed out and is available on the eBook shelf of the periodicals rack in the library.

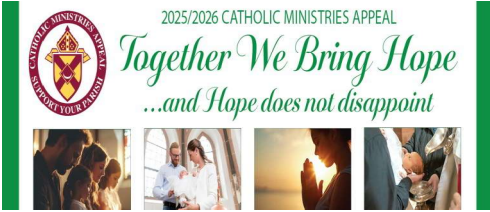


Registration is now open for the OCIA here at St Paul's. The OCIA is sacramental preparation journey for unbaptized adults preparing to enter the Roman Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. It is also meant for baptized Christians wishing to enter the Roman Catholic Church or baptized adult Catholics seeking to complete their initiation with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Interested persons or those who need more information about the process, should contact Anselm, the Director of Faith Formation via email at anslem.mesue@dor.org.

Ministry Schedule for April 25 & 26, 2026

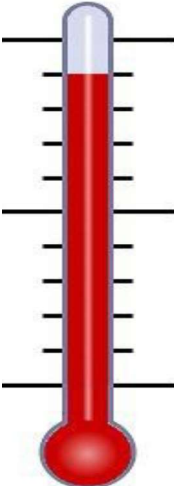
If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Luca Picca Volunteer Needed	Lucy Rynkiewicz Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Tom Napoli	Cindy Rutan	Bonnie Serio
EMHC	Bob Frank Christine Grant	Jack Black Margaret Milner	Cindy Ottina Ruth Prinzivalli
Greeters	Julie Shick Forest Shick	Lucille Friscano Pat Amedeo	Anne Hauber Nancy Willard
Lectors	Barb Robbins	Jack Black	Scott Rutan
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Ellen & Don Oinen	DA Hutnick	Connie Gurske
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Lou Rotundo	Chris Yuskiw
Ushers	Bill Green Alice Bower	Jack Black Paul Fetter	Charlie & Nancy Carson Volunteer Needed



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Total as of:
4/14/26



Goal
\$108,000

Pledged
\$98,600.82

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of our goal

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Webster Hope April Wish List







Coffee, cake frosting, cleaning supplies, crackers, pineapple, beets, pasta sauce and body wash

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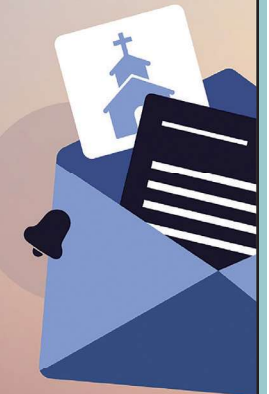
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