

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

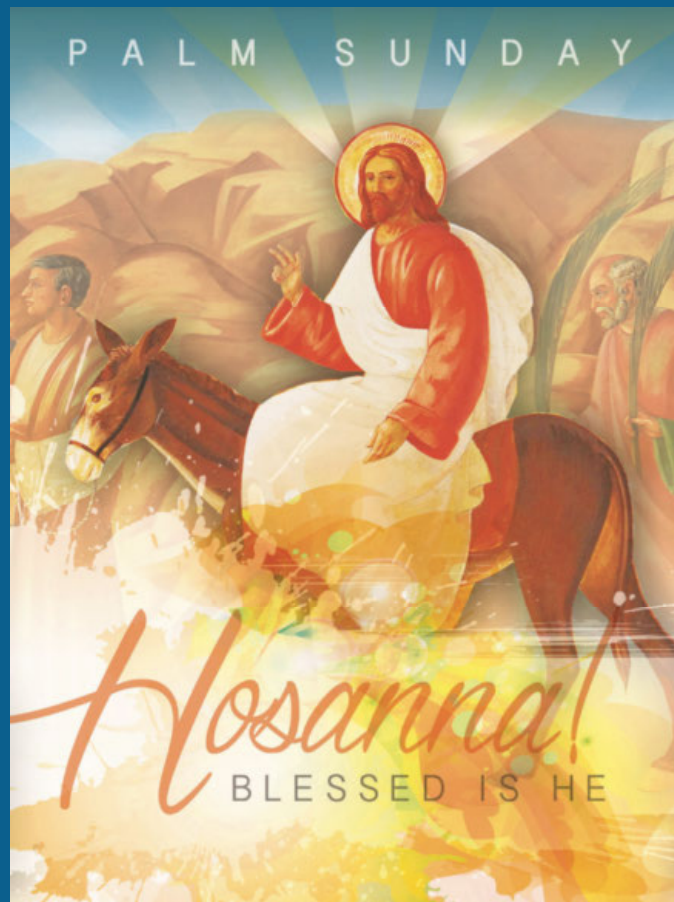


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

## **April 2, 2023 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.  
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 3*****Monday of Holy Week***

8:30A Mass  
1:00P Vac Pac  
6:30P Liturgical Minister  
Training for Triduum & Easter

**Tuesday, April 4*****Tuesday of Holy Week***

8:30A Mass  
12:00P Rosary Group  
6:00P Chrism Mass at Sacred  
Heart Cathedral

**Wednesday, April 5*****Wednesday of Holy Week***

No Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
8:30A Mass  
7:00P Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 6*****Thursday of Holy Week***

Parish Office Closed at Noon  
No 8:30A Mass  
6:30P Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, April 7*****Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)***

**Fast & Abstinence**  
Parish Office Closed

No 8:30A Mass  
3:00P Commemoration of the  
Lord's Passion

**Saturday, April 8*****Holy Saturday***

No Individual Confession  
11:00A Blessing of Food for  
Easter  
No 4:00P Mass  
8:00P Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 9*****Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord***

No SOR Classes  
No Confirmation Prep Classes  
9:00A Mass  
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  
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**Coordinator of SOR & Facilities Cleaning:**  
Helen Stirpe x25 or 671-2110  
**Maintenance Coordinator:** Ben O'Brien x28  
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**Office Hours**

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday  
(closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)

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**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org  
**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org

**Financial Snapshot**

|                              | February 2023 | July 2022-February 2023 |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Collections                  | \$33,075      | \$331,353               |
| Donations/<br>other revenue  | \$7,357       | \$49,327                |
| Expenses                     | \$58,347      | \$414,236               |
| Operating<br>surplus/deficit | \$(17,915)    | \$(33,525)              |

**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  
Tom & Donnie  
McGrain*

## *Seeds for the Journey*



This weekend, we start the Holy Week to commemorate Christ's Passion, beginning with His Messianic entrance into Jerusalem. Our Lent with prayer, fasting and charity end on Holy Thursday. The Paschal Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, ending on Easter Sunday. Christ accomplished His work of our redemption through the Paschal Mystery, in which by dying He has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life. This makes the Sacred Triduum of the Lord the highest point of the entire Liturgical Year.

On these most sacred days of the year, we celebrate the very heart of what we are as God's holy people. We all need to take time and be in the church with Jesus and others going through this Paschal Mystery with concentration and vigor. With you and me, the whole church knows that our presence for the liturgies of these Holy Week is not just an invitation. Everyone is needed here in church for Mass at 8:30am on Monday - Wednesday. And most importantly on Holy Thursday for the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30pm; Good Friday for the Lord's Passion Liturgy; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.; and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord at 9:00 and 11 o'clock Mass.

As members of St. Paul's family, we should be personally committed to preparing for and attending these liturgies. Remember Jesus question, "Are you still asleep and taking a rest? Could you not keep watch and pray for one hour?" (Mk 14:37-38). The apostles did not reply to Jesus' question probably because they are embarrassed at their failure to support Jesus at the hour of need. Jesus' question for the apostles' failure to remain awake must be a warning for all Christians today. Too often we "fall asleep at the wheel" with respect to our Christian spiritual duties. The busyness of this world often intrudes into our discipleship and leads us away from our lives of prayer and attendance of Mass. So, during this Holy Week, we need to keep awake and awaken others to follow Christ in His Paschal Mystery. Wishing you and all your loved ones the joy and glory of Resurrection.

*Fr. Paul*



## Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series



On Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 wish to participate, please wear shoes and socks that are easy to remove.

## GOOD FRIDAY

A collection to support  
Christians in the Holy Land



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Catholic Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. This collection also helps to preserve sacred shrines. Wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

If you wish to support this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Good Friday Collection" in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.

## Sacramental Preparation

Please keep these young people in your prayers:



**Mae Decker, Clara Decker, Amelia Jagoda, James Jagoda, Sharon Wright, and Mary Grace Maier.**

After completing a workbook and attending a workshop, they celebrated their 1st Reconciliation on March 18th.

The invitation to the Rite of Enrollment which begins First Eucharist preparation was on March 26th. During this sacrament preparation they will again complete a workbook and attend a workshop.

Each have a prayer bag for receiving affirmations etc. to show their Church Community's support. These can be found hanging on the bulletin board across from the office.

These youth will be Receiving their First Holy Eucharist at one of the weekend masses on May 20th and 21st.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM as we tackle ways to find help for some of the struggles you are facing.



Join us for Coffee Hour in the Jambo Java Café on Sunday April 2nd from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:00-1:00 p.m.

## St. Paul's Question of the Week

Dear editor what happens during Holy Week?

Dear reader during Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (that is, today) which commemorates our Blessed Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem while the people sang Hosanna to the Son of David. During Palm Sunday, the Passion Narrative of our Blessed Lord is proclaimed. According to ancient custom, the Church commemorates the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem with a solemn procession, in which we, the faithful, in song and gesture imitate the Hebrew children who went to meet the Lord singing Hosanna. The blessed palms or branches carried in procession should be taken home, where they will serve as a reminder of the victory of Christ, which we celebrated in the procession.

Monday to Wednesday following Holy Week are all days of Holy Week which have precedence over all other celebrations. The Church celebrates the Easter Triduum from Holy Thursday beginning with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and ending with Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Easter Sunday. These days are called the Easter Triduum because during these days the Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery, that is, the passing of the Lord from this world to his Father.

During the Easter Triduum, Christians are to observe the Easter fast. The Easter fast is sacred on the first two days of the Triduum, in which, according to ancient tradition, the Church fasts because the Spouse (our Lord) has been taken away. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. The Church recommends we observe Holy Saturday so that we are ready to celebrate the joys of Easter Sunday.

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](mailto:jodie.hickey@dor.org) or Anselm Mesue at [anselm.mesue@dor.org](mailto:anselm.mesue@dor.org).

## Rosary Group

The Rosary Group at St. Paul's is open to all parishioners. The group meets every week on Tuesday at 12:00 noon (with the exception of May 16th and June 6th when they will meet at 10:45 AM.) The gathering is perfect for someone who is new to reciting the Rosary. All are welcome, young and old, experienced and inexperienced rosary prayer warriors.

## From the John Walsh Library

### F. J. Sheed Christ in Eclipse

Frank Sheed was a prominent Catholic who wrote extensively about Catholic theology and spirituality. Once referred to as a "thinking man's conservative," here he laments the absence of Christ in the lives of committed Christians. Each chapter is an examination of consciousness: How real is Christ to you? How well do you know Him? Do you have a strong desire to know him better? How deeply are you affected by Christ's life? By His death? By His resurrection? Sheed urges us not to read Scripture in a state of "pious coma," but to respond to what is actually there. To know that we are part of the human race that Christ agonized for in Gethsemane and died for on Calvary. When we truly grasp this, only then will we know what real love is. (Call No. 232-SHE)

## Visit St. Paul's John Walsh Library

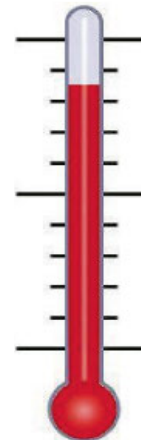
There is a selection of adult and children's books for Lent and Easter on the cart in the Library.

Of particular interest may be:

- \* *Iscariot* by Tosca Lee
- \* *24 Hours that Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton
- \* *Jesus of Nazareth* by Pope Benedict XVI
- \* *Seven Last Words* by James Martin, S.J.

## 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**  
\$92,411.50

**88.01%**  
**of our goal**

## Ministry Schedule for Easter Sunday: April 9, 2023

Due to this bulletin being sent to press early, we are still in the process of finding volunteers for the Triduum and Easter Sunday. If you are available to serve please contact the coordinator in your ministry. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

|                    | 9:00 AM  | 11:00 AM   |
|--------------------|--|--|
| <b>Acolytes</b>    | TBD  | TBD  |
| <b>Cantors</b>     | TBD  | TBD  |
| <b>EMHC</b>        | Jack Black<br>TBD                                  | Karen Napoli<br>Ellen Santora                      |
| <b>Greeters</b>    | Jeanne Leo<br>Julie Shick                          | Anne Hauber<br>Ellen Santora                       |
| <b>Lectors</b>     | Scott Rutan  | Marcia Kusse                                       |
| <b>Linens</b>      | Karen Napoli<br>(No specific time for pick up)     |  |
| <b>Sacristans</b>  | Jane Adams   | Laure Barr   |
| <b>Stream Team</b> | Sue Muto   | George Hanley                                      |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | <b>Volunteer Needed</b><br><b>Volunteer Needed</b> | <b>Volunteer Needed</b><br><b>Volunteer Needed</b> |

### Operation Rice Bowl

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world?

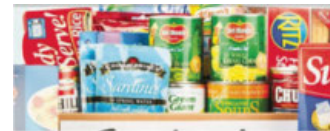
Rice Bowls are being collected this weekend. Please leave your donation in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.



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Registration forms can be printed from our website. Forms are also available on the bulletin board across from the parish office.  
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### Good Sam Outreach Lenten Food Drive Week 6



#### Williamson Come-Unity Center

The Come-Unity Center assists over 4,000 Wayne County residents annually with monthly food boxes as well as serving hot lunches on weekdays. They are requesting the following:

- Bottled juice
- Cereal
- Peanut butter & Jelly
- Pasta/spaghetti
- Pork & beans
- Canned meat (tune, chicken, ham)

Please place your bagged donations in the food collection box in the Narthex.

Donation lists are published weekly in the bulletin and are available on our website.





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