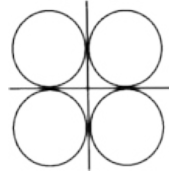


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

April 21, 2024 Fourth 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.



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again." - Jn 10:17

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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.



Monday, April 22

Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, April 23

Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass with anointing

11:00A Staff mtg.

12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, April 24

Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

8:30A Mass

Friday, April 26

Easter Weekday

No Mass

Saturday, April 27

Easter Weekday

2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions Appeal

9:00A First Eucharist Workshop

2:00P Confession-Confirmation

Prep yr. 2 attend confession

4:00P Mass

5:00P Confirmation Prep class

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Sunday, April 28

5th Sunday of Easter

2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions Appeal

9:00A Mass

10:00A SOR classes

11:00A Mass-choir sings

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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

**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
James Morgante
From
Henry & June
Mitchell, Richelle Pakosz
& family, Yvonne Godfrey
& Brandon Pepper*

Seeds for the Journey

In my homily on the first weekend in Lent I spoke briefly about the work Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is doing in Gaza. I specifically mentioned the observations made by Sean Callahan, the CEO of CRS, during a visit to Gaza last Fall, who lauded the efforts of the CRS staff in Gaza who, despite their own stories of tragedy and loss are on the ground, night and day, helping the people of Gaza, who have much greater needs.

As the war between Hamas and Israel continues, the situation for the people of Gaza is becoming increasingly dire. Currently, seventy-five percent of the population are displaced from their homes, and over ninety percent are facing a crisis level of food insecurity. To that end, CRS, in conjunction with its partners, is expanding efforts to provide life-saving humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza. In Southern Gaza, the region involving the most intense fighting, CRS has set up operational hubs in several locations, including in Rafah. These hubs include distribution points, offices, warehouses and guesthouses, all of which enable the distribution of cash vouchers, bedding supplies, tarps, tents, medical and hygiene supplies and food parcels to hundreds of thousands of people. CRS is also supporting families who have sought refuge in local churches with cash and food.

Of course, as Sean Callahan emphasized, none of this would be possible without the efforts of CRS' Gazan staff, whom he referred to as heroes. The recent deaths of seven World Central Kitchen workers in Gaza, in addition to the 200-hundred other aid workers who have died, point to how dangerous the situation is. While most of the CRS Gazan staff have been displaced, many have also lost loved ones to the violence. Despite that, they continue to work every day to serve those in need.

As CRS continues to scale-up its humanitarian efforts in the south, its focus will soon turn to northern Gaza where the living conditions are even more dire. Currently, CRS is coordinating with other organizations in the North to prepare for safe and timely distributions of food aid and other supplies. At the same time, CRS continues to advocate for an end to the violence, a release of all hostages, greater protection for innocent civilians and humanitarian aid workers, and the expansion of access to humanitarian aid to all the people of Gaza.

On behalf of CRS, I want to thank you for your continued willingness to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters, not just in Gaza, but around the world. Your support of CRS through the Lenten Rice Bowl program and the Bishop's Relief fund provide the means by which CRS accomplishes its humanitarian efforts. May our ongoing celebration of Easter unfold for us the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection and enable us to experience, in a very real way, our own dying and rising in Him, with Him, and through Him.

Deacon Mark



LORD of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to Your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to You.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with You in building Your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace.
Amen.

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.



Next weekend, April 27 and 28 is the 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.

LOOK WHAT YOU DID!

This year's Lenten Food Drive may have been our most successful one ever. The incredible generosity of St. Paul's parishioners was truly remarkable. Here is a sampling of our recipients reactions to our donations:

Pat & Lou Rotundo delivered an overflowing carload to the Eastern Services Workers. Staff helped them unload and were most grateful as their emergency food shelves were almost bare. They also provide a tour and summary of the group's community services.

St. Joe's House of Hospitality was originally slated to close for a deep cleaning on the day we were to deliver. Trudy, their kitchen coordinator, volunteered to come in anyway. Deb Zeman and John Kosel took two carloads of food, reporting that they had lots of help unloading and received many thanks for the well-needed donations.

Webster Backpack was amazed at the size of our donation. Their thank you note with a picture will appear next week.

At first folks at Hope House were somewhat surprised at all the donations Anne Hauber and Bill Galbraith delivered. Hearing that the delivery was from St. Paul's their surprise turned to understanding. Anne says we have a reputation there!

As always the volunteers at St. Regis Food Cupboard welcomed our donations with gratitude and thank goodness for Barb Rehberg's truck which was able to transport all the food she and Nancy Willard delivered.

Thank you to each and every one who contributed.

Maybe consider joining Good Sam. We would love to have you. If interested, email or call D.A. Hutnick at dhutnick@aol.com or 347-4806.

Question of the Week

Question: Dear editor, can one who is mentally handicapped be admitted to Holy Communion? Can one in an irregular marital situation continue to receive Communion?

Dear reader, many thanks for your question. To be clear, only Baptized Catholics can licitly receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church. Catholics may not receive Communion in non-Catholic Churches except in situations of grave need and only in those Churches whose Eucharist is considered valid by the Catholic Church.

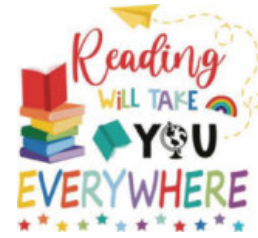
When dealing with adults and children with developmental difficulties, such as mental handicaps, it is particularly difficult to know if the child has reached a sufficient level of reason for the reception of Holy Communion. There is no blanket rule whether or not to admit a mentally handicapped child or adult to Holy Communion. In 1993, the US bishops gave the following guidelines: "persons with developmental and mental disabilities as for all persons, namely that the person be able to distinguish the Body of Christ from ordinary food, even if this recognition is evidenced through manner, gestures or reverential silence rather than verbally."

Catholics in invalid marriages are told not to come for Holy Communion. Catholics may find themselves in invalid marriages for a number of reasons. The most common are those who are divorced and remarried, or those who have married a divorced person. Catholics who have obtained a Civil Marriage without marrying in church are also in invalid marriages. Similarly, men who take a second or third wife and women who live with a man who simultaneously has more than one wife - (polygamous and polyandrous marriages).

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

From the John Walsh Library



Martin, S.J., James
This Our Exile

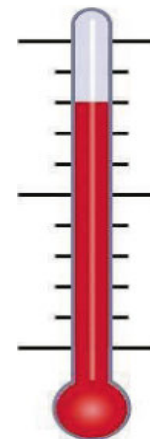
In this memoir, Father Martin recalls his time as a young Jesuit working with the refugees in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya, helping them start small businesses. He was sent to East Africa as part of his training as a Jesuit; he spent two years there from 1992 to 1994 during the time of the famine in Somalia and the genocide in Rwanda. At first he was a bit reluctant to accept this mission; he thought Paris or Rome instead would have been just fine, thank you. But what he saw and heard and did during this time changed his life forever. He lets the refugees speak for themselves in telling their stories, some of which are funny, some are heartbreaking, all are incredible. The refugees, continually moving between despair and hope, showed him the faith that enables people to somehow keep believing in the goodness of God, no matter what. (Call No. 276-MAR)



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Ministry Schedule for April 27 & 28, 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	Maggie Milner Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Tom Napoli	Cindy Rutan	Bonnie Serio
EMHC	Sue Dettman Bob Frank	Trisha DeBacco Mary Beth Speicher	Anne LaClair Karen Napoli
Greeters	Bill Galbraith Volunteer Needed	Ebertz Family	Ellen Santora Anne LaClair
Lectors	Barb Robbins	Laure Barr	Tim Thomas
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Sue Dettman	DA Hutnick	Laure Barr
Stream Team	John Kosel	Sue Muto	George Hanley
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

St. Paul's 9th Annual
Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

\$15 per dinner

Friday, June 14

4:00-6:00 p.m.

or until sold out

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.



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.



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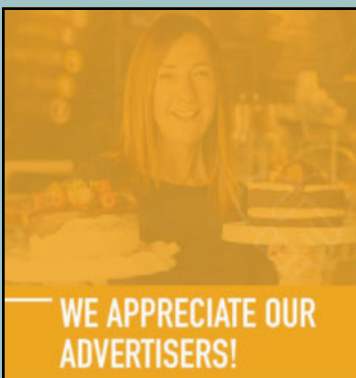
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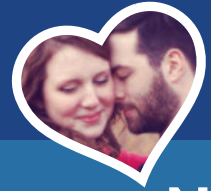
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