

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**April 23, 2023 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.  
or by appointment

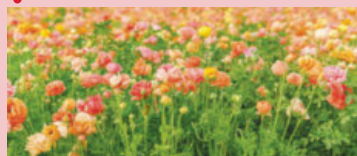
### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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 24

### Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass  
3:00P Finance Council Mtg.

## Tuesday, April 25

### St. Mark, Evangelist

8:30A Mass  
11:00A Staff Mtg.  
12:00P Rosary Group

## Wednesday, April 26

### Easter Weekday

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

## Thursday, April 27

### Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass  
6:30P Confirmation Practice year 2

## Friday, April 28

### Easter Weekday

No Mass

## Saturday, April 29

### St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

**Special Collection: Catholic Home Mission Appeal**  
2:00P Confession  
2:00P Confirmation Candidates year 2 attend confession  
4:00P Mass-choir sings  
5:00P Confirmation Prep class year 1

## Sunday, April 30

### 4th Sunday of Easter

**Special Collection: Catholic Home Mission Appeal**  
8:30A Confirmation Prep class year 2  
9:00A Mass  
10:00A SOR classes  
10:00A Adult Faith Committee mtg.  
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  
**Maintenance Coordinator:** Ben O'Brien x28  
**Multi Parish Finance Director:** Joan Sullivan: 671-1100 x21  
**Finance Council Chair:** Tom Napoli  
**Parish Council Chair:** Linda D'Antonio  
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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

	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  
Carol Arena  
From  
Mike & Connie Hogan*



## Seeds for the Journey

*Ahh, spring has sprung! The birds chirping, the flowers blooming, the bright beautiful sun...oh wait, is that dust? This glorious sun is showing all the hidden particles of dust I've missed from the winter months! Never mind, I'll just go outside and enjoy the daffodils that are sprouting in the garden. Oh no, my lawn! The many gifts the dog has left around the yard and all these tree branches! So. Many. Tree. Branches!*

*Spring has sprung and what has laid dormant during the winter is coming to life. Along with this, is the realization of everything that needs to be done; yard clean up, spring cleaning, dusting, switching out the winter wardrobe with the spring/summer wardrobe, and so much more.*

*I just dusted my house this weekend and boy was it embarrassing (so naturally I'm going to tell everyone about it in this Seeds article). As I'm dusting, I'm thinking to myself, "how did I miss all of this? Was I that neglectful this winter or does our family really generate this must dust and dirt that quickly?" Three kids, a cat, a dog, two guinea pigs, a couple fish, and my husband and I can't be that dirty! Or can we? Don't answer that!*

*Sometimes I feel this way spiritually. I have a daily reflection prayer book I found while cleaning. I opened it recently and realized the last date marked was the beginning of January. Yikes! What else have I neglected? How often do we put things off thinking "I'll come to it tomorrow" and then five months later we find it hidden under a stack of items? When this happens, I really begin to assess my priorities.*

*Is this a reflection of my relationship with Christ? Do I ask God to wait but then forget He's on hold? Do I ever go to enjoy a moment with God but then get too distracted by the mess I've made in other areas of my life? Have I dusted off my exterior but left my interior damaged, stained, and unkept? Does my relationship with God make me shine and gravitate others towards Him; or is this relationship like the daffodils in my yard, surrounded by debris and difficult to reach?*

*This spring how can you clean up your relationship with God? What can you dust off and offer up to Him? How can you make your inside as presentable as the outside? Christ gave us all of Himself. The glorious, the beaten down, the rejected, the praised, the crucified, and the risen. How will you work this spring to give Him ALL of you?*

*Katie*



### 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.

### Eucharistic Speaker Series



Please join us on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 its 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.

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Confirmation

This year, 10 members of our parish community shall receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to be conferred by the Most Reverend Salvatore Matano, Bishop of Rochester, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester. Kindly pray for them as they finalize their preparation and kindly give them the moral support they need. The Sacrament of Confirmation is the sacrament which gives us the Holy Spirit in order to incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthens our bond with the Church and helps us to bear witness to the Christian faith in words and deeds. Confirmation perfects and strengthens the grace we received at our baptisms. Through this sacrament, the recipient becomes an adult in the Church and is expected to take on a more mature role in the Church. The following members of our St Paul's Church community shall receive Confirmation this year:

#### Wednesday April 26 at 7pm

1. Ethan Navarrete

#### Tuesday May 2 at 7pm

1. Giovanni Terranova
2. Andrew Rosa
3. Morgan Tara
4. Jackson Bernier
5. Emma Rosa
6. Elliott Johnson
7. Addison Terrana
8. Isabella Cordaro
9. Nickolas Johnson

On Sunday May 7, they shall receive their confirmation certificates from Fr Paul during the 9am Mass.

### National Day of Prayer

#### 12:00 p.m. on Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>

The National Day of Prayer was founded in 1952 by a joint effort of the United States Congress and President Harry S. Truman. The holiday was signed into law by President Truman, and every president since has signed a proclamation that encourages Americans to pray on and celebrate this day. People from around the country will pray together at noon on this day.

A group from St. Rita's and St. Paul's Parishes will be participating this year as we gather with others at City Hall. If you are interested in participating, we will meet at St. Rita's parking lot at 11:00 a.m. to carpool together. For more information, please contact Katie Van Damme or Deacon Jim Fien:

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671-2100 x 24  
Deacon Jim Fien : [James.Fien@dor.org](mailto:James.Fien@dor.org)  
233-0334



Dear editor, can the Saints in Heaven pray for the souls in Purgatory, and thus help them get to Heaven sooner?

Dear reader, the question is very apt as we are in the season of Easter, celebrating the Resurrection of Christ. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) teaches that "by his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has "opened" heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ...Heaven is the Blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ" (n. 1027). **In Heaven, the saints experience the Beatific Vision, where they 'see' God 'face to face.'** Their joy will be complete at the *Parousia*, when Christ comes again, then we all shall experience the resurrection, whereby our bodies will be reunited with our souls.

In Purgatory, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven" (CCC n. 1030). We cannot enter Heaven with any stain of sin. Purgatory purifies the soul before it 'enters' Heaven. **We can certainly implore the help of the saints to intercede for a soul in Purgatory. When someone on earth requests a saint's intercession for a particular soul, the saints in Heaven intercede for the souls in Purgatory in those cases.** The Church invokes the saints during the saints during the Rite of Final Commendation, usually at the graveside, during a burial of a Christian: "saints of God come to his/her aid! Come to meet him/her angels of God."

It is important to note that, except when a saint has been formally canonized, we do not know if our loved one who has passed is in Heaven, Purgatory or hell. If the person is in Heaven, he/she has no need of our prayers. When we pray for the dead, we pray for the souls in purgatory. All we can do is to entrust the faithful departed to God's Mercy through our constant prayers for the dead and asking the saints in Heaven to intercede for the soul in purgatory. **In addition to praying for a soul in Purgatory, the Church also recommends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead** (CCC n. 1032).

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).

## From the John Walsh Library

Watson, Eliza G.

### Wisdom's Daughters

#### (Stories of Women around Jesus)

Ms. Watson tells the story of Jesus through the real and imagined accounts of fourteen women, using the first person to tell their stories. These women include Elizabeth; the woman at the well; Simon Peter's mother-in-law; Mary Magdalene; and Mary, the mother of Jesus. The women step forth from the pages of the Gospels as real persons whose lives were forever changed by their contacts with Jesus. Like the woman referred to only as the "bent-over woman," we sing songs of joy when Jesus calls us to Him, no matter what affliction we might suffer. Like the woman who anointed Jesus before His burial, we hope to show courage and compassion, even when others show none. We celebrate the undeniable strong presence of women in the early community of disciples. (Call No. 920-WAT)

### Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next weekend, April 29th and 30th 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.

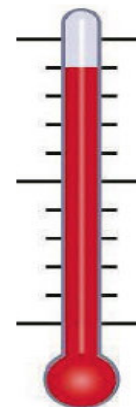
Please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Catholic Home Missions" in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.

### Adult Faith Formation Committee

The Adult Faith Formation Committee will be meeting on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the library. We will be planning for the Adult Week of Reflection which will be August 7-11 and discussing the programs, topics, and speakers you would like to have in the fall.

## 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**  
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**89.73%**  
**of our goal**



## Ministry Schedule for April 29 & 30, 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
<b>Acolytes</b>	Morgan Tara Jackson Bernier	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Cantors</b>	Cindy Rutan	Elizabeth Randisi	Bonnie Serio
<b>EMHC</b>	Mary Beth Speicher <b>TBD</b>	Josephine Cozzo <b>TBD</b>	Cindy Ottina <b>TBD</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Theresa Augsburg Patrice DeAngelis	Jeanne Leo Pat Amedeo	Ellen Santora Nancy Willard
<b>Lectors</b>	Dan Bower	Laure Barr	Jann Armantrout
<b>Linens</b>	No linen pick up this week		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Irene Dragt	Jane Adams	Laure Barr
<b>Stream Team</b>	Rod Campbell	Jerry Healey	Tom Napoli
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>

### 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](mailto:jodie.hickey@dor.org) or [Kasey.baker@dor.org](mailto:Kasey.baker@dor.org).

### Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony

On Sunday, May 21st at 2:00 p.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](mailto:donald.smith@dor.org) by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

[weddings@CatholicCourier.com](mailto: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.



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.



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