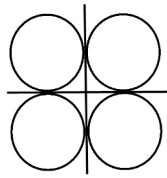


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

**April 26, 2026 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

"A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."  
- Jn 10:9-10

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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.

*This week's events*

**Monday, April 27**

***Easter Weekday***

8:30A Mass

**Tuesday, April 28**

***Easter Weekday***

8:30A Mass

12:00P Rosary Group

**Wednesday, April 29**

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

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir

**Thursday, April 30**

***Easter Weekday***

8:30A Mass

6:00P Bible Study

**Friday, May 1**

***Easter Weekday***

No Mass

8:30A Vac Pac

**Saturday, May 2**

***St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church***

**Birthday Blessing during Mass**

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

**Sunday, May 3**

***5th Sunday of Easter***

**Birthday Blessing during Masses**

9:00A Mass

10:00 Coffee & Donut hr.

10:00A SOR Christian

Community Lessons-Family

Discussion

10:00A Faith Formation

Christian Community Lessons

for Confirmation Candidates &

Parents

11:00A Mass

12:00P Coffee & Donut hr.



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**Emergency Number:** 369-9687

**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org

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



**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**

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*This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
all the parishioners  
of St. Paul's*

# Seeds for the Journey

## Let us Pray for More Vocations to the Ordained Ministry and to the Consecrated Life.

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, which is Good Shepherd Sunday, our Holy Mother, the Church, celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The word 'vocation' comes from the Latin *vocare*, which means 'to call.' A vocation is therefore a calling from God. There are various kinds of vocations in the Church such as the vocation to the ordained ministries, the vocation to the consecrated life, the vocation to missionary life, the vocation to the marital life, the vocation to being a teacher and others. However, the purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill our Blessed Lord's instruction to, "pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Consequently, although the Church appreciates all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life.

In his message for the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations published on March 16, 2026, our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, invites us to reflect on the interior experience of the beauty of divine life, so that like Saint Augustine, we may "understand the importance of caring for the interior life as a place of encounter with Christ, which is the way to experience the beauty and goodness of God in our own lives." Saint Augustine, before his conversion, had gone through prolonged periods of darkness, whereby he sought satisfaction in pleasure and worldly things. These things of the world, however, could not satisfy him. Saint Augustine later on acknowledged that "our hearts are restless until they rest in God." The Holy Father therefore invites everyone to "to commit themselves more fully to creating conditions that allow this gift (of the vocational ministry) to be embraced, nourished, protected and accompanied, so that it may bear abundant fruit. God continues to give us shepherds after his own heart who shepherd us wisely and prudently (See Jer. 3:15).

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the Gospel Reading is from John's Gospel account. John presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd who calls each of us by name, lays down his life for us, protects us from those who wish to do us harm and offers us abundant life. We are challenged to listen to the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and to follow him. Today, we are also exhorted to pray that many more people may listen to the voice of Jesus and answer his call for them to embrace either the ordained ministry or consecrated life. We also pray that all those who choose the path towards the ordained ministry or consecrated life, may model their lives and ministry after Jesus the Good shepherd. Kindly join me in saying this prayer for vocations:

*"Dear Lord, the fields are wide with the harvest, but the laborers are very few. We beg you to inspire young men and women, with zeal to labor for you, and courage to deny themselves for you. Sacred Heart of Jesus, send laborers to gather the harvest. Holy virgin Mary, we commend to you, those called to follow your son more closely. Amen."*

**Anselm**



### 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](mailto:jodie.hickey@dor.org).

**Bible Study**



**Monday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m. in the worship area**



Get your singing voices ready....it's almost the first week-end of the month! Please join us at Mass next weekend, May 2 & 3 as we celebrate May birthdays. Fr. Paul will give a special blessing followed by the congregation singing Happy Birthday. You don't want to miss it!



This weekend 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.



A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who went to Panera Bread on March 19th to help St. Paul's "make a little dough."

There were so many people who presented a flyer when purchasing their meal that we lost count. Because of your dedication to St. Paul's we raised \$361.79. Way to go St. Paul's!

We appreciate those who coordinated the event and everyone who attended to represent our parish.

# Pray for Vocations



Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parishes. Inspire men to imitate Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Send them as labors for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us.  
St. John Fisher, pray for us.  
St. John Vianney, pray for us.

## 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](mailto:ben.obrien@dor.org) or Sue Dettman at [csdettman13@gmail.com](mailto:csdettman13@gmail.com).



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This eBook is an edited transcript from a talk Bishop Barron gave surrounding passages of the Bible that even many devout Christians find difficult. Many wrestle with them, calling them "hard passages," especially in the Old Testament.

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#### Stress in Your Marriage

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Our next program starts May 22nd, please call 716-474-9371 with confidential questions or visit the web site at [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

## Ministry Schedule for May 2 & 3, 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
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
<b>Cantors</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>EMHC</b>	Ellen Oinen Sue Dettman	Jack Black Josephine Cozzo	Cindy Ottina Ruth Prinziwalli
<b>Greeters</b>	Patrice DeAngelis <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Pat Amedeo Jack Black	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> Nancy Willard
<b>Lectors</b>	Barb Meyer	Laure Barr	Kim Patterson
<b>Linens</b>	Karen Napoli No specific time for pick up		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Olbrich family	Jane Adams	Laure Barr
<b>Stream Team</b>	Rod Campbell	Sue Muto	Chris Yuskiw
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Don Black Jack Black	Charlie & Nancy Carson Chris Koppen



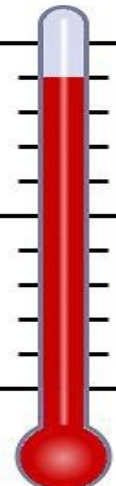
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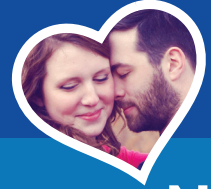
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