

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

April 30, 2023 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.
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, May 1
Easter Weekday
8:30A Mass

Tuesday, May 2
St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:30A Mass
12:00P Rosary Group
7:00P Confirmation at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Wednesday, May 3
Sts. Philip & James, Apostles
8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30P Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series, Guest Speaker: Christine Kvam "Being Eucharistic People"
7:00P Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 4
Easter Weekday
National Day of Prayer
8:30A Mass
12:00P National Day of Prayer at City Hall: carpool from St. Rita's

Friday, May 5
Easter Weekday
No Mass
9:00A Vac Pac

Saturday, May 6
Easter Weekday
9:00A First Eucharist Workshop
10:00A Prayer Shawl
2:00P Confession
4:00P Mass

Sunday, May 7
5th Sunday of Easter
9:00A Mass: Presentation of Confirmation Certificates and Blessing
10:00A SOR classes
10:00A Coffee & Donut Hour
11:00A Mass
12:00P Coffee & Donut Hour

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
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Office Hours

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8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday
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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
Dennis McRell
From
Christine*

Heartfelt THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

St. Paul's staff wants to offer special prayers and thanks for all the volunteers whose help and support in such a wonderful contribution to our liturgies, facilities, SOR, Confirmation Prep and beyond. The countless hours that all of you contribute, richly blesses our community and keeps us thriving.

We are incredibly grateful to God for you and your loving service to the Church and community. We want you to know that your work has not gone unnoticed. God bless you for your generosity, and thank you for being a blessing to others.

We also extend our thanks and prayers to all who support St. Paul's monetarily and spiritually as a part of your everyday witness to faith. Together, we build up the Kingdom of God and respond to the call of Jesus by using our time, talent and treasure to serve one another.

Jesus, we were created in the image of Your love. Even now You call Your Church to be Your hands and feet, to offer loving service to one another in Your name.

We give you thanks for the Spirit you send to sustain and strengthen us in our works of love. We give you thanks for the members you raise up to respond with special service, each in their own way, to the needs of our community and beyond.

Please bless all who freely labor for your love, especially the volunteers who give of themselves to support St. Paul's Church. Bring to fulfillment the gifts they offer in hope of a better world, and help us to see in one another the beauty and dignity that you bestow on each person.

Renew our hearts in grace and gratitude, that we may always find new reasons for joy.
Amen!

Thank you for inspiring us everyday!

Joan **Fr. Paul** Deacon Mark Ben
Katie Jodie John Kasey Anselm Helen



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

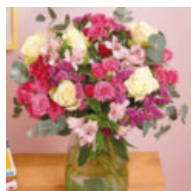
1. Ethan Navarrete

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.

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 or kasey.baker@dor.org.

Religious Article Drop-off

Holy Sepulchre and Ascension Gardens will now offer a way to properly dispose of blessed articles. From May 1st to May 6th, you may drop off your unwanted religious articles to the office during normal business hours (Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 12 noon). They will take the care to properly dispose of these items.

Please note: they are only accepting **blessed items**. Items **cannot exceed 2 feet in length, width and height**. Holy Sepulchre is **not accepting cremated remains** of a loved one or pet during this drop off. **Items that are brought in for proper disposal cannot be retrieved.** For more information go to the Holy Sepulchre website under the events tab.

Eucharistic Speaker Series



Please join us on Wednesday, May 3rd 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 it's 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.

Save the Date

Adult Week of Reflection will take place again this summer. Please mark your calendars for the week of August 7-11. This week long journey will include a morning retreat, a movie, fellowship luncheon, an opportunity for service, and a special group outing. Most events will take place late morning to early afternoon. You will be able to attend one to all five events as your schedule allows. More details to come in the following months.



Dear editor, what does the term 'marriage consent' mean and what does it imply in a sacramental marriage?

Consent is the agreement between a man and a woman to enter into a marriage 'for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part.' It refers to the exchange of promises during the wedding ceremony which gives the couple the opportunity to say yes to each other publicly. Consent is an act of total trust in one's partner; an act of love and an unconditional acceptance of the other as a whole being: 'a commitment to a very special form of friendship in which the husband and the wife generously share everything, allowing no unreasonable exceptions or thinking just of their own interests.'

Marriage consent therefore points beyond itself and manifests the saving love of Christ for his Church. According to Pope Pius XI, the moment of consent is a sacrament, but the married life is also a sacramental and a sign of Christ's love. Pope John Paul II teaches that 'The couple are called to live the very charity of Christ who gave himself up on the cross' (*Familiaris Consortio* n. 12). In the Latin Church where we belong, the ministers of the Sacrament of marriage are the couple themselves. This teaching flows from their baptismal dignity and their participation in the priesthood of Christ. The couple mutually confer upon each other the sacrament of marriage through expressing their consent before the Church. In summary, when a couple pronounce their marriage vows, we presume they mean what they say, and when they present themselves in Church to marry, we presume they intend to do what the Church understands by marriage.

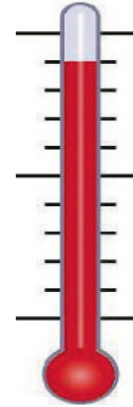
There must be some observable signs that consent is given. Usually, this is done by the couple reciting their marriage vows. However, it can also be expressed in sign language or by other gestures. The main thing is that consent must be clearly given. The public character of the consent protects the 'I do' once given and helps the spouses remain faithful to it (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* n. 1631)

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 or Anselm Mesue at anselm.mesue@dor.org.

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
\$94,911.50

89.73%
of our goal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**St. Paul's 8th Annual
Chicken BBQ Fundraiser**
\$15 per dinner
Friday, June 16
4:00-6:00 p.m.
or until sold out



Ministry Schedule for May 6 & 7, 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
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Cantors	Bonnie Serio	Tom Napoli	Elizabeth Randisi
EMHC	Sue Dettman Dennis Olbrich	Jack Black TBD	Fred Compertore TBD
Greeters	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	Jack Black DA Hutnick	Anne LaClair Jean Van Apeldoorn
Lectors	Linda Pratt	Giovanni Terranova	Marcia Kusse
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Olbrich Family	DA Hutnick	Sharyn LiPari
Stream Team	John Kosel	Tom Napoli	Chris Yuskiw
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

National Day of Prayer

12:00 p.m. on Thursday May 4th

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:

Katie Van Damme: katie.vandamme@dor.org
671-2100 x 24

Deacon Jim Fien : James.Fien@dor.org
233-0334

**Join us for Coffee Hour in the
Jambo Java Café on
Sunday, May 7th from
10:00-11:00 a.m. &
12:00-1:00 p.m.**



Prayer 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.



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