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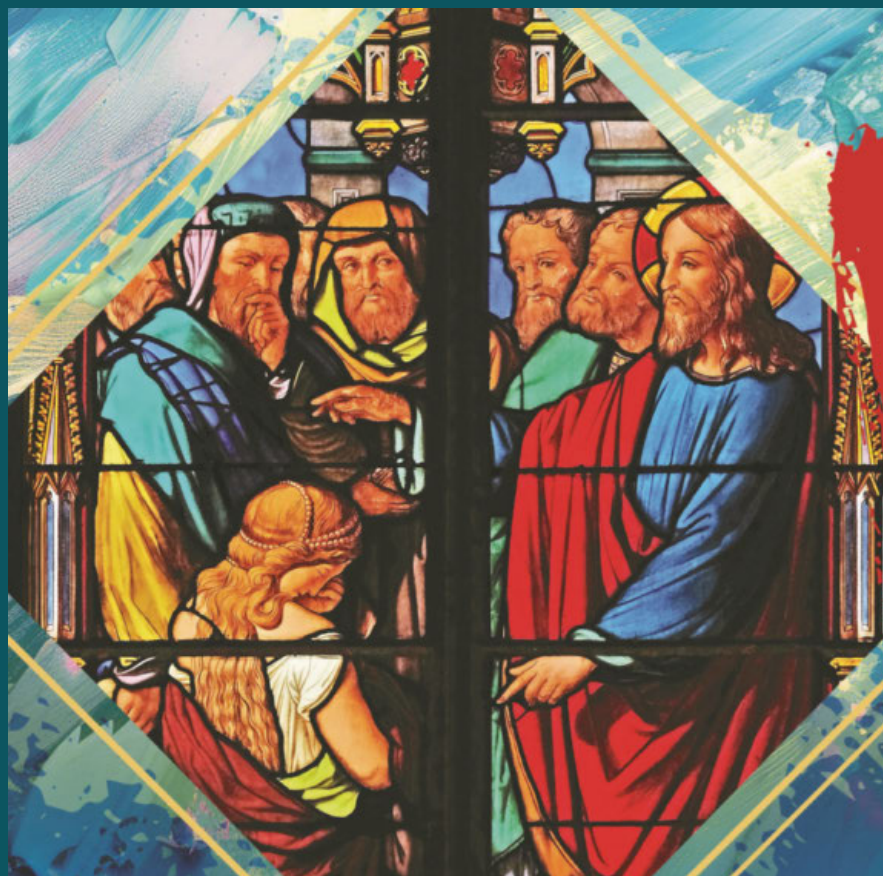


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Let the one among you
who is without sin
be the first to
throw a stone at her."
- Jn 8:7

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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.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Monday, April 7 Lenten Weekday

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, April 8 Lenten Weekday

8:30A Mass with anointing
11:00A Staff mtg.
12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, April 9 Lenten Weekday

8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00P Choir rehearsal
7:00P Good Sam Outreach mtg.

Thursday, April 10 Lenten Weekday

8:30A Mass
11:00A Together in Grief
5:30P Lenten Soup Supper
6:15P Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 11 Lenten Weekday Abstinence No Mass

Saturday, April 12 Lenten Weekday

9:30A Confirmation Prep yr. 2 individual mtgs.
1:30P SOR Retreat
1:45P First Reconciliation
2:00P Confession
4:00P Mass
5:00P Child reconciliation catechesis
5:00P Confirmation Prep yr. 2 mtg.

Sunday, April 13
Palm Sunday of the passion of the Lord
No SOR classes
9:00A Mass
10:00A Confirmation Prep class yr. 1
11:00A Mass

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Emergency Number: 369-9687

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Diocese of Rochester: www.dor.org



Financial Snapshot

	February 2025	July 2024-February 2025
Collections	\$55,815	\$347,425
Donations/ other revenue	\$6,235	\$30,390
Expenses	\$36,313	\$353,041
Operating surplus/deficit	\$25,737	\$24,774

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
Rosemary Sommers
From
Husband & family*

Seeds for the Journey



On this Fifth Sunday of Lent we hear in today's Gospel how Jesus engaged the woman caught in adultery and offered her forgiveness and a path to repentance, highlighting God's mercy and the importance of God's grace.

The gift of forgiveness lies at the very heart of our faith. Through our life experiences we encounter moments of hurt, offense and sin, both in ourselves and in others. It is in moments like this that we learn how powerful the grace of forgiveness can be. Through the years of life's ups and downs, I have learned that forgiving someone creates opportunities for healing, reconciliation, and peace in one's heart, and, most importantly, a stronger relationship with God. When offering forgiveness, we extend the same grace that we receive from God when we sin; when we are not the people God has called us to be.

As human beings we sometimes have the tendency to see forgiveness as an act of weakness, or a means to condone the wrong done to us or others. However, if viewed from the perspective of the healing of our wounds and the opportunity to reconcile with others, forgiveness enables us to move forward, free of the burden of guilt, bitterness, and resentment.

Pope Francis, in his homily on forgiveness at the Parish of St. Anna in the Vatican, shared this profound statement: "One must be merciful even among ourselves. Instead of complaining – 'he or she did this...' – we should ask ourselves: 'what have I done?' After all, who can say that he/she is a worse sinner than I am? None of us can say this. Only the Lord can. All of us, can say, 'I am a sinner, and I need mercy, and I need forgiveness. And this is why I forbear others, I forgive others, and I am merciful with others.' For when the soul is like this, the Christian way is what Paul teaches to his own in the letter to the Colossians: "put on compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience."

May we always be willing to offer the gift of forgiveness; the gift that opens the door to healing, reconciliation, and a life lived in greater unity with God and one another. May we be bearers of God's mercy, love, and forgiveness to all those around us.

Jodie



United in Generosity as One Global Family

Amid the harsh conditions of the Sahel region's 1976 drought, millions faced hunger. That same year, Catholics worldwide gathered at the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, focusing on "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family." As Lent draws to a close, let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can help ensure no one goes hungry in the middle of today's global food crisis.

Just a reminder, that Rice Bowls are due next weekend April 12 & 13. There will be baskets in the Narthex designated for Rice Bowl's. If contributing in the form of a check, please make the check payable to St. Paul's Church with Operation Rice Bowl in the memo line. You may put your check in the offering boxes or donation slot in the worship area.

Good Sam Outreach Lenten Food Drive April 5 & 6

Webster Backpack is in need of the following items:

Canned soup, fruit, pasta (ravioli, etc.)

Granola bars

Instant oatmeal & small cereal boxes

Mac & cheese

Pasta & spaghetti sauce (plastic jars)

Peanut butter & jelly (plastic jars)

Crackers (cheese, peanut butter & goldfish)

Please place your bagged donations in the collection box in the Narthex. Deliveries will be made at the beginning of the following week.



Bring the whole family and join us at our last Lenten Soup Supper on Thursday, April 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your favorite soup, bread or macaroni and cheese to share. Following the Soup Supper you are invited to attend Stations of the Cross in the worship area. Sign up today on the bulletin board across from the parish office.

Holy Week 2024

Chrism Mass

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Tuesday, April 15
6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday

April 17
Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:30 p.m.

Good Friday

April 18
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

April 19
Blessing of Food for Easter - 11:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 20
Mass - 9:00 a.m.
Mass - 11:00 a.m.



Registration is now open for the OCIA here at St Paul's. The OCIA is sacramental preparation journey for unbaptized adults preparing to enter the Roman Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. It is also meant for baptized Christians wishing to enter the Roman Catholic Church or baptized adult Catholics seeking to complete their initiation with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Interested persons or those who need more information about the process, should contact Anselm, the Director of Faith Formation via email at anslem.mesue@dor.org

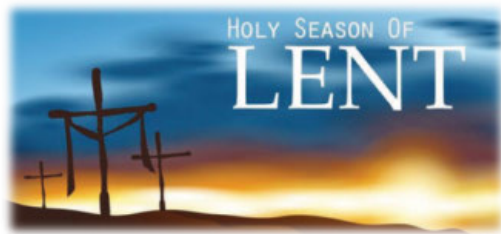


Fifth Sunday of Lent

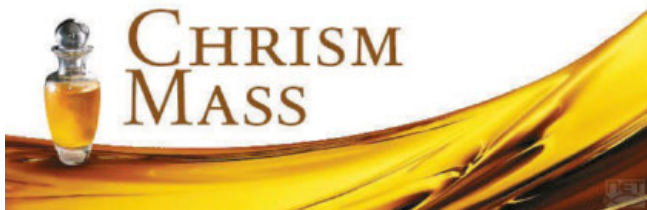
Over the Jubilee Year we will explore the themes of Hope, Pilgrimage, and Jubilee, always ending with a question for you to consider over the week.

A hallmark of a Jubilee Year is setting right broken relationships. In today's Gospel, Jesus shows us what that means by helping make right the relationship between the woman and her community. Reconciliation and mercy are fundamental to Jubilee.

Ponder Point: When have I had to recognize that I am not perfect and should therefore recognize others' imperfections with compassion?



"It would bring great glory to God and good to souls if Fridays found our people doing volunteer work in hospitals, visiting the sick, serving the needs of the aged and the lonely, instructing the young in the Faith, participating as Christians in community affairs, and meeting our obligations to our families, our friends, our neighbors, and our community, including our parishes, with a special zeal born of the desire to add the merit of penance to the other virtues exercised in good works born of living faith." USCCB



Bishop Matano extends a warm invitation to all parishioners to attend the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. We encourage you to attend as a part of Holy Week sacred liturgies.

Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony

You are cordially invited on Sunday, April 27th at 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral as Bishop Matano welcomes all married couples and their guest to attend and renew their vows. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

If you would like to attend, please register online at <https://forms.gle/UVdG2SUKbvJw81ok8> or by emailing Don Smith, at: donald.smith@dor.org.

Additionally, the June issue of the Catholic Courier will feature a Wedding Jubilee section. If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50 and above) to be included, please send a email, or a letter with the following information. Names, Church, Town where you were married, wedding date/year, and a wedding photo (optional).

Submissions are due by April 30th via email at weddings@catholiccourier.com or may be mailed at the address listed below:

Wedding Anniversaries
Catholic Courier
PO Box 24379
Rochester, NY 14624-0379

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Ministry Schedule for April 12 & 13, 2025

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	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Tom Napoli	Elizabeth Randisi	Bonnie Serio
EMHC	Cindy Ottina Sue Dettman	Josephine Cozzo Jack Black	Ruth Prinzivalli Fred Compertore
Greeters	Bill Galbraith Diana Kemp	Corey Volo Jeanne Leo	Anne LaClair Jean Van Apeldoorn
Lectors	Dave Swinson	Jack Black	Jann Armantrout
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Ellen & Don Oinen	Jane Adams	Connie Gurske
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Sue Muto	George Hanley
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Blake Cusse Paul Fetter	George Hanley Fred Compertore

Lenten Soup Supper Trivia Night March 27, 2025



Congratulations to the winners of Trivia Night!

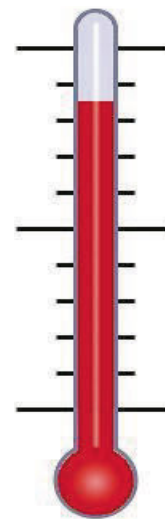


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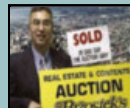
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