

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

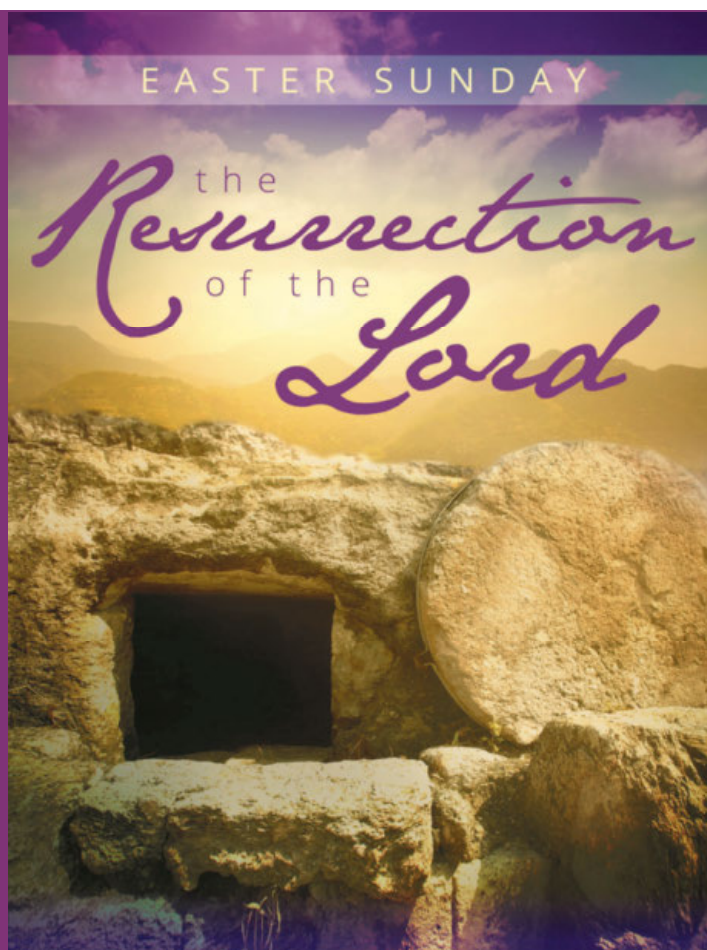


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

## 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.



### 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 10*****Monday within the Octave of Easter***

8:30A Mass

**Tuesday, April 11*****Tuesday within the Octave of Easter***

8:30A Mass

11:00A Staff Mtg.

12:00P Rosary Group

**Wednesday, April 12*****Wednesday within the Octave of Easter***

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir rehearsal

7:00P Good Sam Outreach mtg.

**Thursday, April 13*****Thursday within the Octave of Easter***

8:30A Mass

**Friday, April 14*****Friday within the Octave of Easter***

No Mass

**Saturday, April 15*****Sunday within the Octave of Easter***

10:00A Prayer Shawl

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

**Sunday, April 16*****2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)***

9:00A Mass

10:00A SOR classes

10:00A Confirmation Prep class yr. 1

11:00A Mass-choir sings

12:00P Confirmation Prep class yr. 2

**Parish Staff****Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau**Deacon:** Mark Robbins**Administrative Asst.:** Jodie Hickey x21**Adult Faith Formation Coordinator:**

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(closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)

**Phone:** 671- 2100**Emergency Number:** 369-9687**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org**Financial Snapshot**

|                              | February 2023 | July 2022-February 2023 |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Collections                  | \$33,075      | \$331,353               |
| Donations/<br>other revenue  | \$7,357       | \$49,327                |
| Expenses                     | \$58,347      | \$414,236               |
| Operating<br>surplus/deficit | \$(17,915)    | \$(33,525)              |

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for Those in the Military**

Jason Aman

Josh Bartlett

Zach Bartlett

Andrew O'Brien

Bryan Gross

Cydney Blong

Tom Weisenreder

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Mason Serrano

Daniel Thomas

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Jay Riesenberger



*This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Rosemary Sommers  
From  
Family*

## Seeds for the Journey

Back in the day, one of the songs I enjoyed singing during the Easter Season was 'Behold the Eastertide is Here.' The last part of the song's first verse reads: 'behold the dark and vacant tomb, for Jesus is not here.' Yes, our Blessed Lord is no longer in the tomb for He is risen indeed. The questions one may ask are, what does Christ being risen imply? Does the vacant tomb prove the resurrection? What if the body was stolen? The Resurrection is a meta-historical event. It is not governed by the laws of space and time. It goes beyond history. However, the manifestations of the resurrection can be historically verified. The Resurrection is so profound that it goes beyond and deeper than human and even artificial intelligence can explain scientifically. However, as Christians believe that Christ rose from the dead. There are signs that point to the Resurrection of Jesus. The signs could be divided into two categories: positive and negative signs. The positive sign of the resurrection are the appearances. Christ is seen by the apostles. It was not a hallucination but a reality. Christ's resurrected body is not our physical body; His Resurrection was not a return to this earthly life, but it's what theologians refer to as a transformed and glorified body not subject to the laws of space and time. Christ is seen; He is the one who takes the initiative. This is not simply an imagination. But Christ is risen indeed and that is why the body is not there – the negative sign of the resurrection. I would want us to focus on the positive sign, that our Lord's body is not there, not because they have taken away His body as Mary of Magdala who first went to the tomb presumably thought, but because He has indeed risen and He will show Himself to His close companions, His disciples. The Resurrection is a transcendent event; no one was an eye-witness to it and no evangelist describes it. No one can say how it came about physically, however, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "the Resurrection remains at the very heart of the mystery of faith as something that transcends and surpasses history. That is why the risen Christ does not reveal Himself to the world but to his disciples." What does Christ rising from the dead mean to us?

The Resurrection of Christ which we celebrate today, is the greatest feast in the Church's Liturgical calendar. In fact, it is greater than Christmas, even though most Christians celebrate Christmas more than Easter. But it should be the other way round. If Christ did not rise from the dead, we would not be here as Christians and His life and ministry would not mean much to us. The Resurrection as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "constitutes the confirmation of all Christ's works and teachings. All truths, even the most inaccessible to human reason, find their justification in Christ by his Resurrection has given the definitive proof of His divine authority, which he has promised." By rising from the dead, Christ conquered evil once and for all and won redemption for each one of us. Through His death on the cross, Christ frees us from sin. Through His Resurrection, Christ opens for us the way to new life. Life with God in the Spirit that reinstates us in God's grace taken away by the sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve. Because Christ rose from the dead, we too shall rise from the dead. We can confidently continue to witness to Jesus by our lives: what we say and what we do.

This desire and willingness to faithfully witness to Jesus is what we promised at our Confirmation. It is what our Confirmation candidates who shall receive their Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Matano on Tuesday May 2 at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, have been prepared for. They have been challenged to stand up for and with Jesus amid this difficult and challenging world where being a Christian is more challenging and demanding. Let us pray for them as they take this major step in their Christian life that shows that they have now matured in the faith and are ready to be soldiers for Jesus. We too should remember that by our Confirmation, we are soldiers for Jesus, and we should not forget to witness daily to the Risen Lord who has conquered evil and won Redemption for us all. Alleluia, Our Lord has risen as He promised! He is Risen indeed!

Anselm

### Together in Grief

What a mess! It's time for spring cleaning and you're up to your knees in tree branches! The bright sun is great, but it's showing all the dust that's collected over the winter months! Help! There's so much to do! Do you ever feel this way? Do you need some assistance in and around your house and don't know where to turn? Join the next Together in Grief meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. as we tackle ways to find help for some of the struggles you are facing.

### Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series



On Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. we welcome Fr. Bob Kennedy as our next Eucharistic Revival presenter. He will reflect on *The Real Presence of the Eucharist*. Fr. Bob is a retired priest who is well known throughout the diocese. He was a

former professor at St. Bernard's School of Theology, a pastor for several diocesan parishes, and the diocesan Director of Liturgy, followed by diocesan Director of Continuing Education. We hope you can join us as we dive deeper into the mystery of Christ in the Eucharist.



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.

### Rosary Group

The Rosary Group at St. Paul's is open to all parishioners. The group meets every week on Tuesday at 12:00 noon (with the exception of May 16th and June 6th when they will meet at 10:45 AM.) The gathering is perfect for someone who is new to reciting the Rosary. All are welcome, young and old, experienced and inexperienced rosary prayer warriors.

### St. Paul's is a Vibrant & Lively Community

#### Did you know that in the last year:

- Good Sam shared food donations every other month with Bethany House and Hope House.
- We had 9 Baptisms, 8 First Communions, 10 Confirmation Candidates, and 46 children in K – 12 Faith Formation.
- We added a permanent Coordinator of Music, Confirmation Minister, and a new Business Manager to the parish staff.
- Coffee and Donuts have been reinstated on Sundays.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry made 24 Prayer Shawls/Lap Robes and 12 Baptism blankets for distribution, as well as filled 2 bags with handmade hats and scarves for the Giving Tree.
- The Stream Team streamed all three Masses on YouTube to provide both live and offline viewing, as well as streaming of funerals upon request.
- We had 1,369 Registered households in our parish.
- A Safety Ministry has been created for the well-being of those attending parish worship and events.
- The John Walsh Library distributed Parish Read books and hosted a talk re: Fulton Sheen by Fr. Joe Hart.
- Adult Faith Formation hosted monthly Together in Grief, Coffee & Catholicism, Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series, and weekly Rosary gathering.
- A new floor was installed in the east vestibule and the center aisle of the church area, as well as a new heater and air conditioner in the Music Room.
- Finance Committee continually looks for opportunities for savings, no matter how small.
- The parish hosted a Chicken BBQ, Parish Picnic, and a Fall Ministry Fair.
- We host a book club with lively discussions of books borrowed from the Webster Public Library.
- Adult Faith Formation sponsored a Summer Retreat, an Advent Retreat, a Lenten Retreat, Lenten Soup Suppers, and well as distributed Little Blue/Black/White reflection books.
- Good Sam sponsored a Lenten Food Drive as well as the Giving Tree for the congregation at the former Corpus Christi Church.
- Webster Knights of Columbus sponsored a Winter Coat Drive.

## Question of the Week

**Dear editor, can you clarify the meaning and use of the terms 'adult' and 'infant' in relation to the sacraments?**

Dear reader, when one reaches the age of reason in the Catholic Church, he/she receives adult Baptism and has to go through the RCIA process. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The RCIA helps the candidates and their Christian communities understand and celebrate the steps towards Baptism and ritualizes the process of conversion. The RCIA's insistence on celebrating the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion) at the Easter Vigil deepens the Christian community's celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

Back to your question, the use of reason is usually attained at about the age of seven years although one may be sensitive to children who may attain it earlier or later. However, once attained, the use of reason means that a person has the rights and responsibilities of an adult. What this implies is, that once a person has gained the use of reason, that person is capable of a personal relationship with God and can take responsibility for that relationship. Obviously, the relationship will vary by degrees depending upon the person's age and maturity but that person now make a personal act of faith. In other words, that person can choose God on his/her own and not simply following their parents faith.

Children or infants in the Church, with respect to the sacraments, are those who have not yet reached the age of discernment and therefore cannot profess personal faith.

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

**Maloney, George**

### **The First Day of Eternity: Resurrection Now**

The resurrection of Jesus is the central reality, the decisive event of the Christian faith. But what does the resurrection mean to most men and women today? The author wishes us to be guided by the experience of the resurrection in the "now" moment of our earthly existence, and to see that we are already becoming a part of the glorified Christ. Because Jesus ascended with his humanity into the very presence of the heavenly father, we are already, in our broken, sinful humanity, a part of God's family. We can learn to surrender ourselves in loving service to one another through the Spirit of the risen Lord who will never leave us. (Call No. 232.5-MAL)



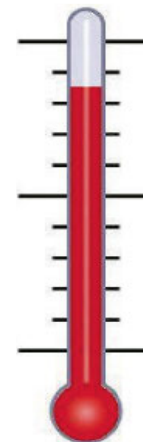
### **Alleluia! Happy Easter!**

Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya and commit to share our Easter joy with people in our local community and around the world.

Please leave your Rice Bowl donations in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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**  
\$92,411.50

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**of our goal**

## Ministry Schedule for April 15 & 16, 2023

Due to this bulletin being sent to press early, we are still in the process of finding volunteers. If you are available to serve please contact the coordinator in your ministry. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

|                    | 4:00 PM  | 9:00 AM  | 11:00 AM   |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Acolytes</b>    | <b>Volunteer Needed</b><br><b>Volunteer Needed</b> | Maggie Milner<br><b>Volunteer Needed</b>           | Lucy Rynkiewicz<br><b>Volunteer Needed</b>         |
| <b>Cantors</b>     | Bob Slon   | Cindy Rutan  | Elizabeth Randisi                                  |
| <b>EMHC</b>        | Ellen Oinen<br>Don Oinen                           | Josephine Cozzo<br><b>TBD</b>                      | Cindy Ottina<br>Karen Napoli                       |
| <b>Greeters</b>    | Ellen Oinen<br>Don Oinen                           | DA Hutnick<br>Barb Rehberg                         | Nancy Willard<br>Anne LaClair                      |
| <b>Lectors</b>     | Jann Armantrout                                    | Josephine Cozzo                                    | Larry & Gina McNamara                              |
| <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                                       | Chris Yuskiw                                       |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Sue Dettman<br>Alice Bower                         | <b>Volunteer Needed</b><br><b>Volunteer Needed</b> | <b>Volunteer Needed</b><br><b>Volunteer Needed</b> |

### Let's Get Ready for a SPLASH of a Good Time!



Join us for St. Paul's Vacation Bible School (VBS) on the week of July 17-21 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be five fun filled days of games, crafts, music, missions, Bible stories and snacks concluding with a picnic lunch on Friday.

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.



**Happy Easter from the  
Staff of St. Paul's**

**Fr. Paul**

John Deacon Mark

Kasey Ben Anselm

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