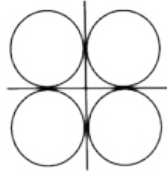


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

August 10, 2025 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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, August 11****St. Clare, Virgin**

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, August 12**Weekday**

8:30A Mass with anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, August 13**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, August 14**St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**

8:30A Mass

Friday, August 15**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30A Mass

6:30P Mass

Saturday, August 16**Weekday****Schutt's Donuts Fundraiser Sale**

10:00A Prayer Shawl

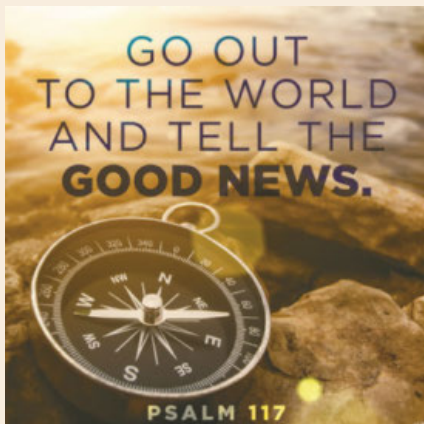
2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, August 17**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Schutt's Donuts Fundraiser Sale**

9:00A Mass

11:00A Mass

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

	June 2025	July 2024-June 2025
Collections	\$34,121	\$502,656
Donations/ other revenue	\$9,173	\$61,352
Expenses	\$52,344	\$543,897
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(9,050)	\$20,702

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

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

Seeds for the Journey

A parable is a type of narrative that creates an emotional response or moral significance. Jesus used parables (short stories), memorable through an image, that convey profound spiritual truths.

The Parable of the Sower

The Parable of the Sower (God) uses the imagery of seeds (the Word) that are sown on different types of ground (people). Each affecting the seed's growth (how the Word of God is received and understood).

Matthew 13:3-9

- 3) "And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow."
- 4) "And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up." *(Symbolizing those who hear the word of God but do not understand it, and then it is snatched away.)*
- 5) "Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil." 6) "But when the sun rose, they withered away." *(Symbolizing those with the lack of deep roots who initially receive the word of God with joy but fall away when faced with trials or persecution.)*
- 7) "Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them." *(Symbolizing those with worries who hear the word but are distracted and their faith is unfruitful.)*
- 8) "Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." *(Symbolizing those producing a bountiful harvest by hearing and understanding the word of God.)*
- 9) "Let anyone with ears listen!"



This parable teaches that the word of God is available to all, but its impact depends on the condition of the heart and how receptive it is to the word.

Helen

Acts of Contrition



There are a variety of different **Acts of Contrition** suggested in the Rite of Penance. Here are a few of them.

Act of Contrition (traditional)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Act of Contrition (alternate form)

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

An Act of Contrition inspired by the Gospels

Father of mercy, like the prodigal son I return to you and say: "I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child."

Christ Jesus, Savior of the world, I pray with the repentant thief to whom you promised Paradise: "Lord, remember me in your kingdom."

Holy Spirit, fountain of love, I call on you with trust: "Purify my heart, and help me to walk as a child of light."

An Act of Contrition inspired by the Gospels

Lord Jesus, you opened the eyes of the blind, healed the sick, forgave the sinful woman, and after Peter's denial confirmed him in your love.

Listen to my prayer: forgive all my sins, renew your love in my heart, help me to live in perfect unity with my fellow Christians that I may proclaim your saving power to all the world.

An Act of Contrition to Our Lord Jesus

Lord Jesus, you chose to be called the friend of sinners. By your saving death and resurrection free me from my sins. May your peace take root in my heart and bring forth a harvest of love, holiness, and truth.

An Act of Contrition to Jesus, the Lamb of God

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Lamb of God; you take away the sins of the world.

Through the grace of the Holy Spirit restore me to friendship with your Father, cleanse me from every stain of sin in the blood you shed for me, and raise me to new life for the glory of your name.

An Act of Contrition inspired by Psalm 51

Lord God, in your goodness have mercy on me: do not look on my sins, but take away all my guilt. Create in me a clean heart and renew within me an upright spirit.

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.



Schutt's Fried Cake Fundraiser in August!

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Exact cash or check (payable to St. Paul's)

🍩 Pick up at St. Paul's
Friday, August 22 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
or after Mass on Saturday, August 23



Question: Dear Editor, why do I have to go to Mass every Sunday? Can I just honor God in my own way?

Response: Of course, you can worship God “in your own way” and pray whenever you feel like it. However, God commands us to worship Him in a communal and Eucharistic way – at Mass. Jesus called us to this kind of worship at the Last Supper, when he commanded, “Do this in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:19). God also commanded us to, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8). In keeping with Christ’s resurrection, the Church celebrates the Sabbath on Sunday, which for Christians is a “mini-Easter.”

At Mass, we worship God as a community, pray together for our needs, collect gifts for the needs of the community, ask for forgiveness from each other, and make peace with others in the community. The “together” part is important. We get together with family and friends to celebrate events such as Baptisms, weddings, graduations, concerts, and the Super Bowl. Why shouldn’t we celebrate together the most important event of all?

At Mass, we also fulfill Christ’s command that our worship be Eucharistic. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says in paragraph 2177 “The Sunday celebration of the Lord’s Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church’s life.” At every Mass, we participate in Calvary in a profound way we receive the Eucharist. The Eucharistic sacrifice is the unbloody sacrifice of Christ on the altar. What happened on Calvary is made present again in an unbloody manner. The Church teaches that Jesus Christ is present whole and entire in the Eucharistic species of bread and wine. Christ is fully, wholly, truly, substantially and really present in the Eucharistic species. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, what could be more important than being united with Christ every Sunday in a way that cannot happen anywhere else?

Beautiful music and an inspiring homily are good for us, but the primary purpose of attending Mass is to unite ourselves to Christ. In this union, our worship is transformed into something infinitely profound and eternally powerful.

In addition to attending Mass every Sunday, we are also required to attend Mass on six holy days of obligation: the Solemnity of Mary, the mother of God celebrated on January 1 New Year’s day; Ascension Thursday; the Assumption of Mary celebrated on August 15; All Saints Day celebrated on November 1; the Immaculate Conception of Mary celebrated on December 8; and Christmas.

Think of it this way. In the ordinary routine of life, there are many occasions that we are obligated to celebrate because of their importance. The more important your relationship with the person honored in the celebration, the more important your participation is and the greater disappointment your absence would cause. There is no more important person than God, and we honor him when we attend Mass.

School of Religion Registration

Registration for School of Religion classes here at St Paul's is currently going on for grades K to 7. Registration is also currently going on for First Communion and Penance preparation. The registration fee for School of Religion is \$70 per child, \$140 for 2 children and \$175 for three or more children in the program. The registration fee for the sacraments prep is \$65 per child, and this includes two books. Kindly spread the word. For more information, kindly contact Helen or Anselm at:

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From the John Walsh Library

Ammerman, Mark J. & Kathy

Help During Loss: A Guide to Recovery

Both Mark and Kathy have survived the death of a spouse; this is a first-hand account of grief, as well as a road map for the difficult and emotional journey a person in grief will travel. Both of them lost their spouses suddenly. Mark's wife was killed in a motorcycle accident; Kathy's husband died of a heart attack at the age of 40. In this book, they explore the phases of the grief cycle--shock, agony, negative response, and finally acceptance, however reluctant. They describe the hopelessness a person may feel at such a time. They explore the reasons why those feelings may persist for such a long time period. They also offer coping strategies that have been helpful to them and to the bereaved people they work with through Hospice. Without minimizing the terrible pain, they offer hope to those who mourn, that they will find comfort. (Call No. 248.8- AMM)

Ministry Schedule for August 16 & 17, 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	Luca Picca Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Bob Slon	Bonnie Serio	Elizabeth Randisi
EMHC	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Jack Black Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Greeters	Theresa Augsburg Patrice DeAngelis	Corey Volo Jeanne Leo	Anne Hauber Ellen Santora
Lectors	Dave Swinson	Tim Thomas	Kay Vargo
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Olbrich family	Jane Adams	Connie Gurske
Stream Team	John Kosel	Lou Rotundo	George Hanley
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St. Paul's welcomes the newest
member of our faith community
Madeline Rose Pryor

Webster Hope August Wish List

Cooking oil, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, canned beets, canned pineapple, coffee, tea, salad dressing, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, BBQ sauce, laundry detergent, dish soap, hand soap, pasta sauce, toilet paper (high need), feminine products and diapers (adult & child sizes)

Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex before or after Mass. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations on a regular basis. Thank you for your generosity.



Friday, August 15, 2025
Mass times:
8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

OCIA

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



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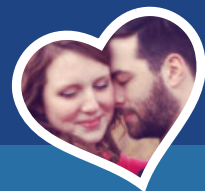
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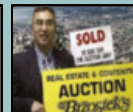
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