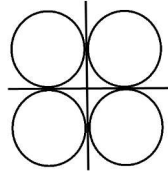


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

August 2, 2026 Eighteenth 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.



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing,
broke the loaves,
and gave them to the
disciples, who in turn
gave them to the
crowds. They all ate
and were satisfied.
- Mt 14:19c-20

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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.

**Monday, August 3****Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, August 4**St. John Vianney, Priest**

8:30A Mass-anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, August 5**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, August 6**Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:30A Mass

Friday, August 7**Weekday**

No Mass

Saturday, August 8**St. Dominic, Priest****Schutt's Donut Fundraiser Sale after Mass**

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, August 2**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Schutt's Donut Fundraiser Sale after Masses**

9:00A Mass

11:00A Mass

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	June 2026	July-June 2026
Collections	\$46,581	\$524,519
Donations/ other revenue	\$29,953	\$92,632
Expenses	\$46,988	\$600,220
Operating surplus/deficit	\$29,545	\$16,924

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Angelina Price



This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns
for
Linda D'Antonio
from
St. Paul's Rosary Group

Seeds for the Journey

“There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves”

Dear friends in Christ, this Sunday is the eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time in the Church's Calendar. The summer break is almost over. Football teams are fine tuning their preparation for the new season. We continue to come together as a community of Christ's disciples to celebrate the Eucharist, to worship God in spirit and in truth.

In the Gospel text for this Sunday's liturgy, Jesus challenges his apostles, and by extension, he challenges us: “give them some food yourselves.” The challenge Jesus poses to the apostles and to us is two-fold: our compassion and our faith. Yet Jesus did not ask the apostles to do anything to meet the need without also guiding them through the work. Earlier on in the text, the evangelist tells us that “when Jesus saw the crowds, he was filled with pity for them.” He had compassion for the people. Jesus's compassion for the people moved him to performing many miracles including healing the sick and multiplying loaves of bread for the people who were starving. The disciples wanted him to dismiss the crowds so that they can buy food for themselves. Jesus disagreed, challenging their compassion and asking them to provide food for the crowds. We too are challenged to carry out the corporal works of mercy especially feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked. We should not ignore the needs of the poor around us. We should take responsibility for the needs of others.

In his Seeds article on June 14, 2026, Deacon Mark Robbins presented a summary of the Seven Catholic Social Teaching Principles. Among the seven principles is the fundamental option for the poor and vulnerable. As Deacon Mark wrote, “this principle teaches is that the needs of the poor must come first in any given society, and that a basic test of any community is how the poor and vulnerable are doing.” Do we prioritize the needs of others? Or do we keep a blind eye to the needs of the poor and vulnerable around us? Or do we avoid taking responsibility for the needs of others when we can do something about it? Jesus was filled with compassion for others. We are also challenged to have compassion for others. However, it should not only end with compassion. We should do something about it. Remember Jesus's challenge: “give them some food yourselves.”

Anselm

THANK YOU!

FROM THE Pastor's Desk

What a beautiful celebration of community we shared at our recent parish picnic! I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who attended, and especially to the Knights of Columbus, staff, Parish Pastoral Council and all our dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to plan, set up, and clean up. Your hard work, joyful spirits, and generous contributions of food and time made the day a resounding success.

It is such a blessing to see our church family gather, share fellowship, and enjoy one another's company. Events like these truly highlight the vibrant, loving spirit of St. Paul's.

Thank you all for making this day so special. I pray that God continues to bless our wonderful community.

Fr. Paul

Sales for the Schutt's Fried Cake Fundraiser Begins NEXT WEEKEND!!!



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Friday, August 21 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
or after Mass on Saturday, August 22 with last call
on Sunday, August 23.

Rosary Group



The days are warmer, the schedules are filling up with fun adventures, and there's much to be grateful for. Making time for prayer and building your relationship with the Trinity and Mary should still be at the top of your schedule. Every Tuesday the Rosary group meets at 12:00 p.m. to pray as a community. The summer is a great time to introduce children to the rosary as well. We invite all those who are off during the summer months, including children of all ages, to join us in prayer. We hope that you can attend.



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 \$75 per child, \$150 for 2 children and \$185 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. Registration forms are on the bulletin board next to the music room. For more information, kindly contact Helen or Anselm:

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Blessing of God's Provision

Dear God,

Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community — every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs — bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual — in Your holy and sacred name.

Amen!

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Miracles We Don't See

"Why aren't there miracles anymore? I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sun-dance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink, and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says.

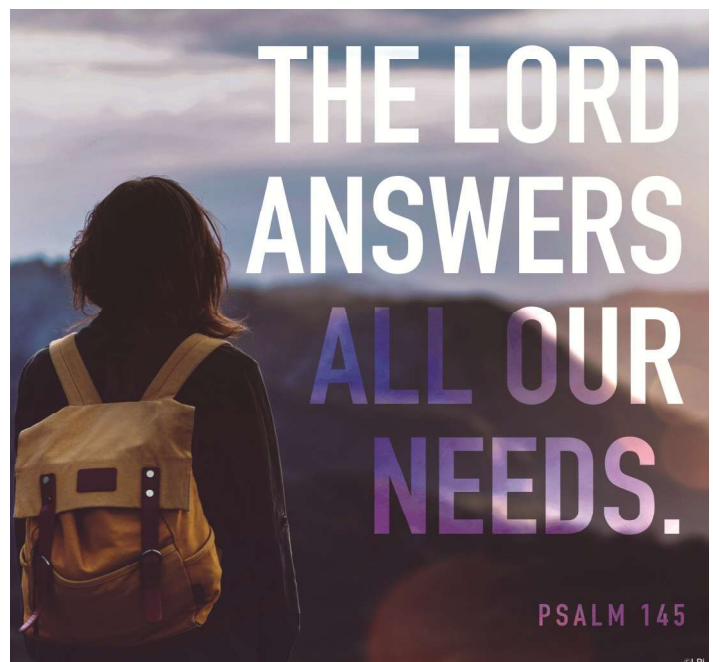
"His heart was moved with pity," we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle.



Virtues, *Explained!*

Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the "everyday form of reverence." It is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing, and so respect for those made in God's image flows naturally from our primary respect for God Himself.



Ministry Schedule for August 8 & 9, 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!

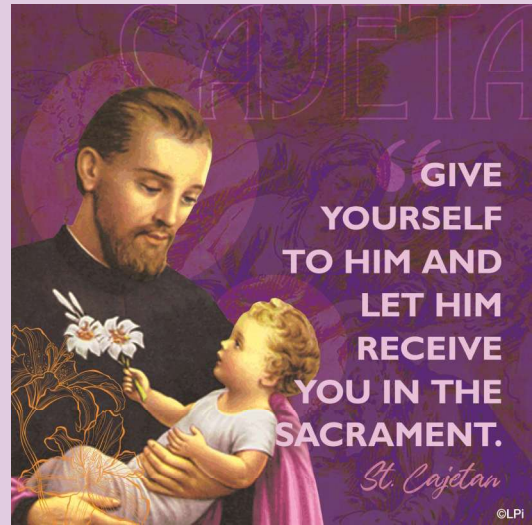
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Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Paul Fetter Herb Gauch	Dallas & Joanne Miller Volunteer Needed

Webster Hope August Wish List



Jarred spaghetti sauce	Canned pineapple
Flour	Jarred applesauce
Cereal	Cooking oil
Pasta	Deodorant
Canned beets	Hand soap
Sugar	Laundry detergent

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.



Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed — there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share.



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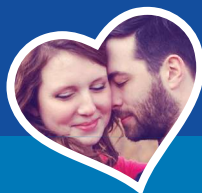
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