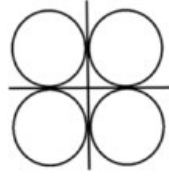


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**August 20, 2023 Twentieth 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.



## 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her  
in reply, "O woman,  
great is your faith! Let  
it be done for you as  
you wish." And the  
woman's daughter was  
healed from that hour.  
- Mt 15:28

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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.

## Upcoming Events



### **Monday, August 21**

***St. Pius X, Pope***

8:30A Mass

### **Tuesday, August 22**

***The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

8:30A Mass with anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

### **Wednesday, August 23**

***Weekday***

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### **Thursday, August 24**

***St. Bartholomew, Apostle***

8:30A Mass

### **Friday, August 25**

***Weekday***

No Mass

### **Saturday, August 26**

***Weekday***

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

### **Sunday, August 27**

***21st Sunday in Ordinary Time***

9:00A Mass

11:00A Mass



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## **Office Hours**

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday

(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**

	July 2023	
Collections	\$31,104	
Donations/ other revenue	\$1,153	
Expenses	\$55,153	
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(22,896)	

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August 12-18 the  
Sanctuary Lamp burned  
in memory of  
Anne Chima  
from  
Christine Grant*



*This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Mary Alice Rieger  
From  
Joe Rieger*

# Seeds for the Journey

## "Movin On Up & Movin Around"

Are you wondering what the parish staff has been doing this summer? We have been busy as usual planning and preparing for the fall, when meetings and ministries go back into action after a much-deserved summer break. We have some fun and exciting news to share... check it out!

### Movin On Up:

- 1) We've all heard the catch phrase "Team Work Makes the Dream Work" right? Well, that is exactly what's happening in our fantastic School of Religion program. Anselm Mesue and Helen Stirpe are St. Paul's newest dynamic duo. Beginning in September, Anselm's new title will be the Director of Faith Formation and Helen's will be the Faith Formation and Liturgy Assistant. Together, Anselm and Helen will continue to be the source of knowledge leading our young people on their faith journey. Registration for the Confirmation Prep program is underway, if you haven't already, sign up today! Be sure to keep your eye on the bulletin and website as registration for SOR will begin very soon. Congratulations Anselm & Helen!
- 2) Have you ever wondered how the lawn is always freshly mowed all summer or how in the winter the paths are always shoveled and salted for us to safely enter the building? Not to mention how there is never a light out in the building and if there is then it is replaced in an instance and isn't it nice when something isn't functioning correctly to have a "Jack of All Trades" to fix it? It's not magic, it's the hard work of our Maintenance Coordinator, Ben O'Brien. Ben's title will also change in September to Facilities Manager. Congratulations Ben!

### Movin Around:

Some of our staff members are going to play a game of musical chairs and we are swapping offices. You will have to stop in at the end of the month and see our new offices that we call home. I know this is a bit confusing but follow along, I think it will make sense at the end:

Kasey is moving into Helen's office

Helen is moving to Joan's office

Joan and the Propagation of the Faith office are moving to Katie's office and

Katie is moving to Kasey's office

Fr. Paul, Deacon Mark, Ben, John, Jodie & Anselm's offices will all remain in the same location.

The staff understands that the summer months are busy, but we welcome all of your smiley faces to stop by the office the next time you are in the building and say Hi. All of us look forward to the moments that we get the chance to catch up with our parish family.

*Jodie*



### From the Pastor's Desk



Before Covid we used to have anointing on Tuesday after Mass. I am happy to report, that anointing will resume on Tuesday, August 22nd after Mass.

*Fr. Paul*

### Adult Faith Programs

Coming in September, Adult Faith Programs will be getting a revamp. New times, new programs, and no rushing from one program to the next!

- ◆ Rosary Group will continue to meet on Tuesdays in the worship space at noon every week. All are welcome. No experience necessary.
- ◆ Coffee and Catholicism will meet the first Thursday of the month at 9:15 AM in room 7 & 8. September 7<sup>th</sup> will be the first meeting where we'll discuss *The Internet, Technology, and our Faith*. Learn about the good, the bad, and the sneaky ways that the use of technology can distract us from our Catholic faith.
- ◆ The third Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM in the Music Room, will continue to be the Together in Grief meetings. The first meeting will be *What Grief Looks Like*. Grief is different for everyone. We'll discuss the many ways it can be manifested in ourselves and other.
- ◆ We will continue to watch and discuss *The Chosen Series*. This year we'll be examining season two. The first episode of season two entitled *Thunder*, will be viewed Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 in room 7 & 8. (Please Note: Most episodes will be watched the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM unless specified.)

Coming in October, once SOR begins, Adults will be invited to attend a Bible Study once a month in the Gathering Space at the lower level. This will take place the same time as SOR classes from 10-11:00 AM. More to come about this and other events in the near future. And as always, all are welcome to attend our faith based programs. For all of the latest news on Adult Faith programs, please visit the St. Paul's website, Adult Faith Formation page under the Faith Formation tab.

## Save the Date



**September 22-24, 2023**

### St. Paul's Men's Retreat Weekend

At Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua

For more info or to register contact Dan Milner:

milnerair@aol.com or 585-208-6631

*This years theme: "Keep Hope Alive!"*

### Confirmation Prep Registration

Registration for the Confirmation Preparation Program at St Paul's Church is now open. Confirmation preparation in the Diocese of Rochester is a two-year formation program that begins in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is geared at helping the candidates in their faith development as well as helping them to understand the basic teachings of the Catholic Church. Any potential candidate can begin the program later than 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The instructional content includes: an understanding of Confirmation as a Sacrament of Initiation with special connections to Baptism and First Eucharist; an understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the individual and of the Church; a greater awareness of the person of Jesus Christ and his teachings as found in Scripture; an understanding of the importance of social justice; an understanding of the Catholic Church: its Divine origin, sacraments, doctrines, history and hierarchical structure; an understanding of the moral teachings of the Catholic Church including the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes; an understanding of the structure of the Mass and the manner for participating in it; an understanding of prayer and its importance in our lives; a working knowledge of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*; an understanding of Christian vocations.

To register, you may complete the form on the website: Confirmation/St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church (stpaulsrcc.org) or you may collect the Confirmation registration form on the Bulletin Board across from the parish office. The fee is \$50 per candidate. Payments can be made in checks payable to St Paul Parish, memo: Confirmation or in cash at the parish office. If you have any questions, contact Anselm Mesue during the weekend Masses or via email [anselm.mesue@dor.org](mailto:anselm.mesue@dor.org) or via phone 671-2100 x27.

## St. Paul's Question of the Week

**Dear editor, what are the Spiritual Works of Mercy?**

Dear reader, the Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, **these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in their spiritual needs."** There are seven Spiritual Works of Mercy:

1. **Counsel the Doubtful:** Everyone has moments of doubt in their faith journey. Nevertheless, we should always remember that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We should always turn to Christ. If a friend should ask you for advice, you should orient your response to Christ.
2. **Instruct the Ignorant:** Learn about our Catholic faith and be open to talking with others about our beliefs. There is always something more to discover about our faith.
3. **Admonishing the Sinner:** Be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes. We must strive to create a culture that does not accept sin as the norm, while realizing that we all fall at times. We are all in need of God's loving correction.
4. **Comforting the Sorrowful:** Be open to listening and comforting those who are dealing with grief. Even if we are not sure of the right words to say, our presence can make a big difference. Lend a listening ear to those going through a tough time.
5. **Forgiving Injuries:** Jesus teaches us that we should forgive as God forgives, relying on him to help us show others the mercy of God.
6. **Bearing Wrongs Patiently:** Do not be bitter about wrongs done against you. If you are frustrated with someone, pray for the person.
7. **Praying for the Living and the Dead:** Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can support others. Joining together in prayer for the living and the dead entrusts us all into God's care. You can request a Mass intention for a friend or family member who is going through a tough time, or for one who has passed away. Ask a family member or a friend if there is anything you can pray for them about.

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

**Saso, Patt and Steve**

### 10 Best Gifts for Your Teen

#### **(Raising Teens with Love and Understanding)**

The authors have extensive experience as counselors, high school teachers, and parents. All parents want what is best for their kids, but parents are sometimes unsure about what is best for their teenagers, and the teenagers usually have strong ideas of their own about what is best for them. Parents should not expect a problem-free relationship, but a relationship rooted in trust, honesty, love, and mutual respect. Understanding the developmental stages of adolescence is essential; knowing what to expect is very helpful to parents who wish to truly communicate with their teenager. The authors use many stories from their own lives to illustrate the ten gifts mentioned in the title; these gifts range from "respect" to "responsibility" to "role model". With candor and humor, they explain what they have learned from each of those stories and offer specific steps parents can take to achieve their parenting goals. "Raising kids is part joy and part guerrilla warfare." —Edward Asner. (Call No. 248.4-SAS)

## Day in the life of St. Paul's Ministries



This ministry of women (and men!) knit and/or crochet prayer shawls and lap robes that are distributed to those who are sick, grieving, or just need to know that they are loved. We also create the white baptismal blankets that are given to each child that is baptized at St. Paul's. In addition, we make hats and scarves that are placed under the Giving Tree in December.

We meet on the first and third Saturday morning of the month, from 10 am to 11:30 am. We create our blankets together in a sense of community and bless them at the end of our meeting. We also continue to work on our projects at home, or wherever our hands need to keep moving.

This is a wonderful way to make use of the talents that God has given us. If you or a teen would like to learn how to knit or crochet, you would be welcome to join our caring environment where we can provide the needles, hooks, yarn, and support needed.

If you currently, or wish to, work with fiber arts and are interested in joining our Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Cathy Reetz at [reetzcs@gmail.com](mailto:reetzcs@gmail.com).

## Ministry Schedule for August 26 & 27, 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
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Katie & Chris Yuskiw Lucy Rynkiewicz
<b>Cantors</b>	Bob Slon	Bonnie Serio	Bonnie Serio
<b>EMHC</b>	Bob Frank <b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b> <b>TBD</b>	Nancy Willard <b>TBD</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill Galbraith Diana Kemp	DA Hutnick Barb Rehberg	Ellen Santora Nancy Willard
<b>Lectors</b>	David Swinson	Crissy Picca	Marcia Kusse
<b>Linens</b>	Julie Shick (No specific time for pick up)		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Olbrich Family	DA Hutnick	Barr Family
<b>Stream Team</b>	John Kosel	Sue Muto	Chris Yuskiw
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Charlie & Nancy Carson Fred Compertore

### Webster Hope August Wish List

**\*\*Toothpaste, \*\* toothbrushes, \*\*toilet paper, \*\*  
pasta and cooking oil.**

**Gently used or new needed:**

**Towels, socks and underwear in all sizes child & adult  
especially toddler underwear needed &  
\*\*queen size sheets\*\***

Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations on a regular basis.

**\*\*indicates a very high need\*\***



This year SOR will hold our annual School Supply Drive for Webster Hope. The supplies collected will lend a helping hand for kids to have a positive start back to school in September.

PLEASE consider picking up one or more items to drop in the container located outside the parish office by **Wednesday, August 23rd**. **THANK YOU** in advance for your support.

### Looking into the Catholic Church?

Have you, your spouse, a friend, or neighbor ever considered joining the Catholic Church? Would they like to learn more about the Eucharist, church teachings and practices, and the rituals? We are here to help them discern. Please take a OCIA brochure from the Narthex or bulletin board, complete the form and Katie Van Damme, St. Paul's Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, will contact you.

### Homebound Ministry

St. Paul's has a growing list of parishioners that are homebound. We are looking for assistance serving those who are unable to attend Mass in person yet are still a vital part of our community. The Homebound Ministry program allows our parishioners to enjoy one-on-one prayer, Eucharist, and fellowship time together. Time and commitment are based on your schedule. If you are interested in learning more about the Homebound Ministry program please contact Katie after Mass or at the parish office at 671-2100 x 24.





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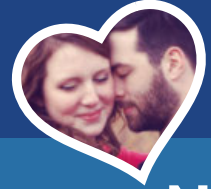
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