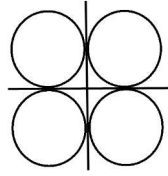


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

**August 23, 2026 Twenty-First 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.



## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"  
Simon Peter said in reply,  
"You are the Christ, the  
Son of the living God."  
- Mt 16:15-16

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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 24**  
**St. Bartholomew, Apostle**  
 No Mass

**Tuesday, August 25**  
**Weekday**

No Mass  
 12:00P Rosary Group  
 6:00P Bible Study

**Wednesday, August 26**  
**Weekday**

No Mass  
 No Adoration of the Blessed  
 Sacrament

**Thursday, August 27**  
**St. Monica**

No Mass

**Friday, August 28**  
**St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor  
 of the Church**  
 No Mass

**Saturday, August 29**  
**The Passion of St. John the  
 Baptist**  
 2:00P Confession  
 4:00P Mass

**Sunday, August 30**  
**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00A Mass  
 11:00A Mass



### Parish Staff

|                                                                  |                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Pastor:</b> Fr. Paul Gitau                                    | fr.paul.gitau@dor.org       |
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| <b>Parish Trustees:</b> Forest Shick & Patrice DeAngelis         |                             |

### Parish Office Hours

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

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**Emergency Number:** 369-9687

**Website:** www.stpaulsrc.org

**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org



### Financial Snapshot

|                              | July 2026 |  |
|------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Collections                  | \$53,253  |  |
| Donations/<br>other revenue  | \$6,250   |  |
| Expenses                     | \$58,670  |  |
| Operating<br>surplus/deficit | \$823     |  |

### Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Jason Aman       | Josh Bartlett      |
| PJ Lajoie        | Cydney Blong       |
| Tom Weisenreder  | Michael J. Desiato |
| Mason Serrano    | Daniel Thomas      |
| Andrew Zani      | Robert Wright      |
| Jay Riesenberger | Angelina Price     |
| Christina Vozzo  | Zach Bartlett      |



This week the  
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 for  
 Mary Alice Rieger  
 from  
 Joe Rieger



## Celebrating St. Paul's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Diamond Jubilee)



In 2027 St. Paul's will be celebrating its Diamond Jubilee; 60 years of accomplishments through the faithful dedication of clergy, religious, staff, ministries and parishioners. Through the entire 60 years St. Paul's has remained focused on four consistent themes: Building Community, Worshipping, Educating and Caregiving. St. Paul's has adapted to challenges, celebrated milestones, and continually striven to grow in faith, service and unity over this entire interval.

There are many wonderful memories to celebrate, and Father Paul, the staff, the ministries, and the Parish Council are planning a variety of celebratory events to mark this special milestone in the life of our parish.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will kick off on the weekend of January 23-24 with celebratory Masses on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday, January 24, there will be one mass at 10:00 AM followed by a celebratory reception in the Parish Hall. During Lent we will hear about the history and the Vatican II culture of St. Paul's from two very memorable alumni of St. Paul's, Fr. Joe Hart, and Fr. Stan Kacprzak. In early May we will be dedicating a tree with a special prayer service to commemorate our founding. A camaraderie reception in the Parish Hall will follow the prayer service. The highlight of our entire celebration will be Bishop Bonnici celebrating St. Paul's founding at Pentecost Mass at St. Paul's on Saturday May 22 at 4:00 PM followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Ahead of the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul in June, we are working to have a special speaker give us insight on the life of our patron, St. Paul. Our Annual Picnic will take place in July. In the Fall there are more activities planned: a 60<sup>th</sup> Appreciation Gathering for St. Paul's parishioners of music and refreshments; a parish day of caring at a nonprofit organization and at St. Paul's; special days of praying the rosary; an evening of rosary, vespers and Benediction; and a parish retreat. The celebration will end before the beginning of Advent. Work has been completed to design a logo for our 60<sup>th</sup>, a special prayer has been written, and signs and banners have been developed for placement outside and inside the building. Efforts are also underway to write a more detailed history of St. Paul's, entitled "Snippets of Remembrance". There are still some other activities that are being discussed.

This will be an exciting time for St. Paul's. All the activities being designed are consistent with St. Paul's four themes: Building Community, Worshipping, Educating and Caregiving.

As a lead in to the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, from late October until the kick-off weekend on January 23-24 a trivia question about the history of St. Paul's will appear in the weekly Bulletin. Let's see how many you can answer, and what you learn about St. Paul's that you did not know. We hope you will enjoy this trip down "memory lane", as we joyfully remember parts of our special history together.

If you feel you would like to be part of the team that is working on these exciting activities and events, please contact: Kevin Olifers ([kevinolifers5@gmail.com](mailto:kevinolifers5@gmail.com)) or Jack Black ([blackj1969@rochester.rr.com](mailto:blackj1969@rochester.rr.com)).

## Mission Cooperation Plan (MCP) 2026 Second Collection

Every year St. Paul's joins in the Mission Church and welcomes a visiting missionary to tell their story and experiences through the Missionary Cooperation Plan. Next weekend, August 29 & 30 we welcome, Bishop Joseph Mwangela from the Diocese of Machakos in Kenya.

Machakos Diocese in Kenya has a population of 1,421,932 of which 610,150 or 42.9% is Catholic with 60 parishes serviced by 112 diocesan and 22 religious' priests, 18 male and 157 female religious, 1920 lay Catholic leaders (working as catechumens and covering other outreach work).

Machakos Diocese has evangelization challenges calling for more priests as only 42.9% of the population is Catholic.

Equally, the diocese has humanitarian-needs challenges – lack of potable water for households (available water sources situated long-distances from homesteads are also a major source of water-borne diseases – Cholera and other water-borne diseases).

Machakos Diocese is seeking funding to support a sustainable water program which aims at providing potable water nearer homesteads to ensure that women and the “girl-child” do not spend many hours every day walking long distances to fetch water. Providing potable water near households will ensure that:

- Women save time walking long distances to draw water and use the time saved in productive activities and caring for their families.
- For the “girl-child”, time saved will reduce school absenteeism and class lateness and free up time for the “girl-child” to study and compete more effectively with the “boy-child”.

Provision of potable water will reduce/eliminate water-borne diseases (cholera, diarrhea, etc.).

Secondly Machakos Diocese is seeking funding to support provision of quality healthcare programs which incorporates “Mother and Child Health”. This program aims at reducing maternal and child mortalities. In Kenya, the current Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) is 362 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births, and the stillbirth rate is 23 deaths per 1,000 live births (*Reducing Maternal Deaths in Kenya* - Ministry of Health; 2019). Main causes – postpartum (severe bleeding) accounts for 40%, followed by obstructed labor (28%), and eclampsia (14%). Moreover, MMR rates are worse where “Traditional Birth Attendants” do the deliveries. On child mortality, statistics show that about 92 newborn deaths occur daily across the country.

To support the Diocese of Machakos, please make your check payable to St. Paul's Church adding “Mission Appeal” in the memo. Donations will be collected during our second collection. Thank you for your generosity.

## Bishop Joseph Maluki Mwangela Coadjutor Bishop of Machakos Diocese



On January 4, 2026, The Holy Father Pope Leo XIV appointed Rt. Rev. Joseph Maluki Mwangela, Bishop of Kitui, as Coadjutor Bishop of Machakos Diocese (Kenya). Bishop Joseph Maluki Mwangela will be taking over when the current Bishop of Machakos, Rt. Rev. Norman King'oo Wambua retires next year.

Prior to this appointment, Rt. Rev. Joseph Mwangela was Bishop Kitui Diocese. He was appointed Bishop Kitui Diocese on March 17, 2020 by Pope Francis while the Most Rev. Hubertus Matheus Maria van Megen, Apostolic Nuncio, Kenya and Titular Archbishop of Novaliciana consecrated and installed him at Kitui on August 29, 2020. Bishop Mwangela has been serving as the Apostolic Administrator, Kitui Diocese and handed over Kitui Diocese to the ne Bishop-John Mbau Mbandi on August 8, 2026.

Born on April 7, 1968 in Kakumi, Kitui County, Bishop Mwangela completed his preparatory year at St. Mary's Senior Seminary and studies in philosophy at St Augustine's Senior Seminary in Mabanga. He proceeded to complete his theology at St. Thomas Aquinas Major Seminary in Nairobi and was ordained a priest on September 7, 1996.

Upon his priestly ordination, he was appointed to ministerial positions as: Parochial Vicar at Migwani (1996-1997); Pastor at Nguni Parish (1997-1998); Formator at St Patrick Formation House (1999-2001); Chancellor, Kitui Diocese and Director of the Diocesan Office for Vocation Ministry (2001-2003).

Between 2003 and 2008 he pursued, in Rome, a Licentiate in Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University and a Doctorate in Theology at the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas – Angelicum.



### Have you attended a funeral reception at St Paul's recently?

If you have, you were able to witness first hand the extraordinary work of the Martha's Ministry.

For over forty years the Martha's have been providing a warm and welcoming environment where grieving families can meet with relatives and friends following funeral and memorial services

The good news is that we are very lucky to have a dedicated group of bakers who contribute not only to our funeral receptions but also donate to many of our other events such as receptions for our Bishop and Confirmations, Parish anniversary celebrations and fund-raisers to name just a few.

But the bad news is we are in great need of more volunteers who are able to help with set-up, serving and clean up. You can volunteer as much time as you are able and we encourage **male and female** parishioners to consider joining this incredible ministry. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. Your reward will be great with the thanks and appreciation you receive from family and guests.

Please email D.A. Hutnick (dhutnick@aol.com) or call 585-347-4806 to volunteer!!

### Register Today!

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:

helen.stirpe@dor.org  
anselm.mesue@dor.org.



## UPDATE

We continue to thank you for your generous contributions towards SOS Projects. The parking lot sealing will be done this Fall. Unfortunately, due to contractors issues the sewer and concrete work will be done in Spring 2027. Thank you for your understanding and continued support to or parish.

## SAVE THE DATE



Thursday,  
September 24

4:00-8:00 p.m.

Panera Bread  
935 Holt Rd.

Let's Raise  
Some Dough for  
St. Paul's



## Ministry Schedule for August 29 & 30, 2026

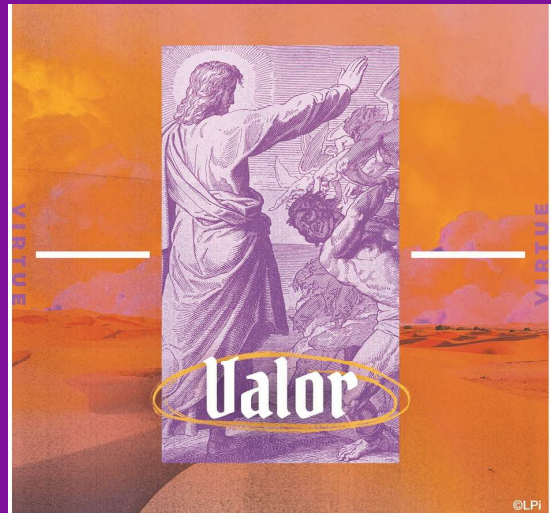
If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

|                    | 4:00 PM                                            | 9:00 AM                          | 11:00 AM                                          |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Acolytes</b>    | <b>Volunteer Needed</b><br><b>Volunteer Needed</b> | Luca Picca<br>Leo Black          | Lucy Rynkiewicz<br>Arya Pumputis                  |
| <b>Cantors</b>     | Tom Napoli                                         | Elizabeth Randisi                | Bonnie Serio                                      |
| <b>EMHC</b>        | Christine Grant<br>Ellen Oinen                     | Margaret Milner<br>DA Hutnick    | Ellen Santora<br>Karen Napoli                     |
| <b>Greeters</b>    | Forest Shick<br>Julie Shick                        | Lucille Friscano<br>Barb Rehberg | Anne Hauber<br>Nancy Willard                      |
| <b>Lectors</b>     | Margie Richardson                                  | Laure Barr                       | Tim Thomas                                        |
| <b>Linens</b>      | No linen pick up this week                         |                                  |                                                   |
| <b>Sacristans</b>  | Olbrich family                                     | Jane Adams                       | Connie Gurske                                     |
| <b>Stream Team</b> | John Kosel                                         | Lou Rotundo                      | Tom Napoli                                        |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Sue Dettman<br>Alice Bower                         | Herb Gauch<br>Dan Milner         | Charlie & Nancy Carson<br><b>Volunteer Needed</b> |

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



Join us on the weekend of September 18-20 at Note Dame Retreat House for St. Paul's Annual Men's Retreat. Both a description of who we are and a call to become who God created us to be, "Holy and Beloved" is a retreat to inspire our desire for continued growth in holiness. Following the examples of holy men and women, we seek to clothe ourselves in those qualities that embody a life of virtue. If you are unable to attend on this date Note Dame Retreat House offers is also offering Men to join the October 16-18 retreat. If you would like more information or to register, please contact St. Paul's Representative, Dan Milner by calling 208-6631.



### Virtues, Explained!

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means "strength," we associate it with the gift of fortitude. It conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield — of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.



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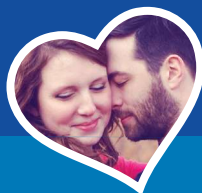
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