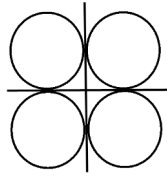


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**August 27, 2023 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.

## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."  
- Mt 16:19

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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 28**  
**St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
 8:30A Mass

**Tuesday, August 29**  
**The Passion of St. John the Baptist**  
 8:30A Mass with anointing  
 12:00P Rosary Group

**Wednesday, August 30**  
**Weekday**  
 8:30A Mass  
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday, August 31**  
**Weekday**  
 8:30A Mass

**Friday, September 1**  
**Weekday**  
 No Mass

**Saturday, September 2**  
**Weekday**  
 10:00A Memorial Mass  
 2:00P Confession  
 4:00P Mass

**Sunday, September 3**  
**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 Council Chair:</b> Linda D'Antonio	
<b>Parish Trustees:</b> Forest Shick & George Hanley	

### 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)	

### Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
Zach Bartlett	Andrew O'Brien
Bryan Gross	Cydney Blong
Tom Weisenreder	Michael J. Desiato
Mason Serrano	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	

*This week the  
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
 Deceased friends &  
 members of the Palumbo  
 & Barillari families  
 From  
 Kay Palumbo*

## Seeds for the Journey

As we travel through life we go through many changes and challenges. We leave our home in search of our passion. We date and discover who brings out the best in us, and the worst in us. Hopefully we marry that person that makes us our best self. We raise our family, we endure the death of loved ones, we move from one house to another, we battle illnesses, make new friends, drift away from other friends, and all the while, we realize the consistency of inconsistency.

From the moment we were created, and find our thumb in our mother's womb, until our final breathe here on earth, we are continuously learning and discovering ourselves. We learn lessons that lead us closer to, or away from God. We fail, we fall, and we are lifted back up, having learned another lesson on love and mercy. Sometimes these lessons need to be repeated several times before they actually sink into our heads and hearts.

As a reminder, here are a few life lessons that have impacted my life:

\*Everyone you meet serves a purpose in your life, and you in theirs. Make your meetings count.

\*As St. Mother Teresa taught, when you find Christ in everyone, then you will see others through the eyes of love.

\*Don't do things to make others proud. Do things that will make you proud when you look back on your life.

\*As a Christian, your job is to bring everyone you meet closer to heaven.

\*There is no normal. We are all weird and have quirks. This makes us unique, beautiful images of God.

\*Negatively talking about someone to another person will always come back to get you. Whether it's your soul that's eaten alive by your words, or the other person finds out. Confront someone when struggling. You will gain respect.

\*Stay true to yourself. Don't change to make others like you. If they don't like you, it's their choice, not your fault. By trying to change who you are, you're putting the blame on yourself for not being what they want. The world would be boring if we were all the same.

\*Life is not guaranteed to be easy. We will all suffer during our lifetime; yet, good can come from our suffering. Jesus was hated, despised, and killed for being different. Today He is the most beloved "man" in history because He suffered His entire life for you to live your life.

\*Go to mass weekly. If you miss a Sunday due to an emergency, attend another day that week. God gave you His life, you can give Him an hour of your time.

\*If you spend too much time focusing and worrying about others relationship with Christ, soon you will forget about your own relationship with Him.

\*You can't always do what makes you happy or feels good at the moment. These choices can lead to preventable stress and anxiety in the future.

If you have words of wisdom you would like to share, we invite you to put them on a sticky note and place it on the posterboard outside the main office. We look forward to receiving your insight.

Katie



## School of Religion SOR 2023-2024

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

It's time to register your child/children in grades K-7 for SOR.

Please register as soon as possible so we can have materials and supplies ready for your children.

Information and registration are on our website under the Faith Formation tab. Registration forms can also be found on the bulletin board across from the parish office.

Please keep in mind, that registration for Sacraments will begin soon. More information will be available on the website under the Sacraments tab.

For questions or more information contact Anselm or Helen:

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

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

### John Walsh Library Ministry

The John Walsh Library at St. Paul's was created and is supported by a bequeathment from our founding pastor, Father John Walsh. The wealth of books and videos in the library are used for a variety of purposes by our parishioners and staff. These include education, reflection, reference, consolation, and entertainment. The collection includes Adult Non-fiction as well as Fiction and a large selection of Children and Young Adult books.

The members of this ministry meet once or twice a month to add books to our collection, place featured books on the cart, reshelve returned books, write articles for the bulletin, keep our subscriptions updated, make recommendations for books to be purchased, and check that the shelves are organized correctly.

If you are a book lover and would like to help keep the JW Library vibrant, please contact Sue Muto at smuto1@rochester.rr.com.

### Coffee & Catholicism

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.

## Confirmation Prep Registration

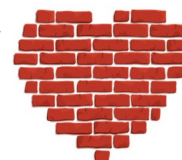
Registration for the Confirmation Preparation Program at St Paul's Church is now open. Confirmation preparation in the Diocese of Rochester is a two-year formation program that begins in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is geared at helping the candidates in their faith development as well as helping them to 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 or via phone 671-2100 x27.

## St. Paul's Brick Memorials

Honor a loved one, memorialize the special people in your life, or simply list your family name! Our memorial walk is located next to the flagpole at the front of the church. The funds raised through this campaign will be use toward Capital Projects for the parish.



Forms are available on the bulletin board across from the parish office. If you have any questions, contact Kasey at 671-2100 x30 or kasey.baker@dor.org.

## St. Paul's Question of the Week

**Dear editor, what are the effects of the Sacrament of the Sick?**

The Sacrament of the Sick, conferred through Holy Anointing with oil and pronouncing the words in the liturgical books, is the sacrament by which the Church commends the faithful who are very ill to the suffering and glorified Lord in order that he relieve and save them.

True anointing is anointing with the Holy Spirit. The oil is only a symbol of the presence, power and action of the Holy Spirit. It is important to note that this sacrament can be repeated if the sick person recovers and then again falls sick, or if, in the course of the same illness, the danger becomes more acute. To receive this sacrament, **one must be baptized, gravely ill or in danger due to sickness such as surgery or old age. The recipient should also be sincerely contrite for one's grave sins.**

The Sacrament of the Sick:

- Strengthens and grants peace and courage to those suffering from serious illness or from weakness of old age.
- Unites the sick person to Christ's passion.
- Assists the sick person to contribute to the sanctification of the Church.
- Grants forgiveness of sins if the sick person were not able to obtain it through the Sacrament of Penance.
- Leads to the restoration of health if it is conducive to the salvation of the soul.
- Is the final preparation of the sick for death and glory.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to the sick. Those close to the sick are to ensure that they receive this sacrament at the appropriate time. This obligation is greater than just ensuring that the sick are anointed promptly; it also involves educating others about the meaning and importance of this sacrament, who it is for, and when it should be received.

## From the John Walsh Library

**Rohr, Richard**

### Near Occasions of Grace



Many Catholics grew up with warnings about avoiding "near occasions of sin." On the other hand, Father Rohr hopes this collection of writings will be "near occasions of grace" for believers and doubters alike. In today's world, there is polarization at every level. This book calls for a new emphasis on community building and peacemaking, using the presence of grace in our everyday human experience as we try to meet the daily challenges of faith, hope and charity. It is our responsibility to mend the breach between people, and between the pursuit of earthly power and the love of Christ who is the perfect mediator of all that is human and good. Power without love is mere brutality; love without power is mere sentimentality. (Call No. 248.4-ROH)

## School of Religion Needs you!

Have you been looking for a ministry that would allow you to share your faith and help guide children in their Catholic faith formation? St. Paul's School of Religion (SOR) is in need of Catechists (a person of faith who leads others in understanding the faith teachings). Sunday classes are from 10:00-11:00 a.m., September 2023 through May 2024. No experience required. Full support provided with materials and teaching guides. Prayerfully consider joining this ministry to help continue the desire of children to learn about The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Anselm or Helen at:

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

## 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!"***

**Labor Day  
September 4, 2023  
Weekday Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
Parish Office Closed**

## Ministry Schedule for September 2 & 3, 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>	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
<b>Cantors</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>EMHC</b>	Sue Dettman Bob Frank	Jack Black Karen Napoli	Cindy Ottina TBD
<b>Greeters</b>	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	Linda D'Antonio Jerry Healey	Anne LaClair Jean van Apeldoorn
<b>Lectors</b>	Linda Pratt	Josephine Cozzo	Marcia Kusse
<b>Linens</b>	No linen pick up this week		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Irene Dragt	Turner family	Sharyn LiPari
<b>Stream Team</b>	John Kosel	Lou Rotundo	Tom Napoli
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>

### Thank you!

#### Knights of Columbus

Thank you to the following members of the Trinity Council 4618 Knights of Columbus for their assistance with the July 30th parish picnic. Your time and help to set-up, cook and clean up was much appreciated.

**Bob Feeney, Tom Bayer, Tom Napoli, Dave McCoy,  
Bob Curtis, Robert Clark & Bob McNeil**

If anyone is interested in joining this outstanding group in support of the Webster Catholic parishes, please contact Dave McCoy at David.mccoy@kodakalaris.com or call 310-5749.



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.

### Prayer for Vocations



Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parishes. Inspire men to imitate Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Send them as labors for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call.  
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us.  
St. John Fisher, pray for us.  
St. John Vianney, pray for us.