

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

August 31, 2025 Twenty-Second 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.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For you will be repaid
at the resurrection
of the righteous."
- Lk 14:14

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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, September 1****Weekday****Labor Day****Parish Office Closed**

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, September 2**Weekday**

8:30A Mass with anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, September 3***St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church***

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, September 4**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

6:30P Bible Study

7:00P Building & Grounds Mtg.

Friday, September 5**Weekday**

No Mass

8:30A Vac Pac

Saturday, September 6**Weekday****Birthday Blessing during Mass**

10:00A Prayer Shawl

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, September 7***23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*****Birthday Blessing during****Masses**

9:00A Mass

10:00A Coffee & Donut hr.

11:00A Mass

12:00P Coffee & Donut hr.

**Parish Staff****Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau**Deacon:** Mark Robbins**Administrative Asst.:** Jodie Hickey x21**Adult Faith Formation Coordinator:****Director of Faith Formation:** Anselm Mesue x27**Coordinator of Music:** John Gaspar**Faith Formation & Liturgy Assistant:** Helen Stirpe x26**Funeral Planning:** Bonnie Serio**Facilities Manager:** Ben O'Brien x28**Finance Office:****Finance Council Chair:** Jack Black**Parish Council Chair:** Patrice DeAngelis**Parish Trustees:** Forest Shick & George Hanley

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	July 2025	
Collections	\$34,300	\$
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,100	\$
Expenses	\$49,400	\$
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(13,000)	\$

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

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Bryan Gross

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Josh Bartlett

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Robert Wright



*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Jean Hogan
From
Mike & Connie Hogan*

Seeds for the Journey

St. Gregory, The Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Next week we celebrate the Feast day of St. Gregory, The Great on Wednesday, September 3rd. Before writing this article I didn't know much about St. Gregory so I thought I would share with you some fun facts about this "great" Saint.

Did you know? That St. Gregory the Great is the patron saint of choir boys, educators, masons, musicians, popes, students, and singers. He invoked against gout and the plague.

Saint Gregory the Great was born in the city of Rome into an aristocratic family whose members filled political and religious offices. Gregory's father was a senator and later became the Prefect of Rome, similar to the role of mayor. His mother, Silvia, was a virtuous woman who was later recognized as a saint, as were two of his aunts. Thus, Gregory's influential, wealthy, and saintly family provided him with a stellar education and nurtured him in the Catholic faith from a young age.

During the first fourteen years of his life, Gregory witnessed war and disease ravage the city of Rome. From 554–574, Gregory followed in his father's footsteps, assuming various civil leadership roles. Around the year 573, he was elected to the same position his father had held earlier: Prefect of Rome. However, not long after Gregory assumed this role, his father passed away, prompting Gregory to make a major shift in his life. He resigned as Prefect, turned his family home into a monastery, and took monastic vows. That time of deep prayer was invaluable to him and would prepare him for the important tasks God would later entrust to him.

As a monk, Gregory spent the next four years immersed in quiet prayer and study. These years were some of the happiest of his life. In 578, Pope Pelagius II ordained Gregory as one of the seven deacons of Rome and sent him to Constantinople a year later as his apocrisiarius, or papal ambassador. Despite the challenges of his six years there, Deacon Gregory maintained his monastic life of prayer and studies while completing his duties at the imperial court. During this time, Deacon Gregory began writing his famous commentary on the Book of Job, which provided teachings on the nature of God, the problem of evil, the Christian understanding of human suffering, and the virtue of patience.

Over the next fourteen years, despite constant ill health, Pope Gregory I established himself as one of the most consequential popes in history. Among his accomplishments, he implemented significant reforms in the Church's administration and liturgy. Administratively, he reformed how the Church's property and finances were managed. Many civil leaders even turned to him for guidance.

Pope Gregory I is now known as Saint Gregory the Great. He is "great" because he not only had a major influence upon the people of his time, both religiously and politically, but also because his influence and writings set the direction that the Church would take after him. His first loves were of Christ and the monastic way of life. God used Gregory's humble way of life as a foundation upon which He would continue to build His Church.

As we honor this great pope, consider the importance of making your life a foundation for how others will grow and flourish. We establish a firm foundation for our spiritual lives and for the lives of others around us only when we make prayer and union with God our primary mission. Saint Gregory did this well, and God used him in glorious ways. May the same be said of each one of us.

Jodie

Birthday Blessing Weekend

Fr. Paul will give a special blessing during Masses next weekend, September 6 & 7 for September birthdays.



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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Join Our Choir!



The St. Paul's Church Choir provides support for congregational singing as well as music for meditation. Our repertoire ranges from Latin chant to contemporary styles of music. The Choir sings at the weekend Masses on a rotating basis, i.e., the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass one week, the Mass at 9:00 a.m. the following Sunday and the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass the week after that. The Choir also sings at a Christmas Eve Mass and at Holy Week Liturgies.

This year the Choir will present A Service of Lessons and Carols on Sun., Dec. 14 at 3:00 p.m. This program includes music provided by the Choir, congregational singing and Scripture readings which will be proclaimed by parish youth. Our Choir will also participate in the Webster Festival of Choirs on Sun., Nov. 2 at 2:00 p.m.

The "Choir Season" runs from September through June. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., as well as 30 minutes prior to whatever liturgies at which it is singing. While there are no auditions, members have to sing on pitch in the group and follow directions. While some of our singers have prior musical training, some do not. The Coordinator of Music is happy to provide additional resources (recordings) to help singers learn their choir pieces. Singers who are 18 years and older are welcome to join the Choir.

Our first rehearsal of the season will be on Wed., September 10 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Music Room.

St. Paul's Choir has a long tradition of excellence and is always seeking additional singers. We welcome new members for a short or long term commitment. Please contact our Coordinator of Music John Gaspar for more information via email: john.gaspar@dor.org



**"Walking in Friendship
with God:
Pilgrims of Hope"**

St. Paul's Men's Retreat

Join us on the weekend of September 12-14 at Note Dame Retreat House for St. Paul's Annual Men's Retreat. The theme for this year is "Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope" Take time to rest, reflect, and deepen your relationship with the Lord in the company of others on the journey. If you are unable to attend on this date Note Dame Retreat House offers is also offering Men to join the October 24-26 retreat. If you would like more information or to register, please contact St. Paul's Representative, Dan Milner by calling 208-6631.



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



If you have experienced the death of a loved one, The "Together in Grief" meetings will resume on the third Thursday of each month beginning on September 18th at 11:00 a.m. in the music room.

From the John Walsh Library



Crabb, Larry

Shattered Dreams:

God's Unexpected Pathway to Joy

Why doesn't God cure my mother's Alzheimer's? Or relieve my back pain? Or help my floundering child to find focus? Or cure my spouse's cancer? Doesn't He love us unconditionally? How can we love a God who won't grant our most worthy and unselfish wishes? In this book, Doctor Crabb tells many stories of people who struggled with shattered hopes and painful losses, and how this affected their relationship with God. He recounts the story of Naomi in the Bible's Book of Ruth. God stripped Naomi of happiness in order to prepare her for joy. The Holy Spirit uses the pain of broken dreams to help us intensify our desire for God and a more fulfilling life. Our lives move through cycles of feeling pretty good to hurting terribly, and then to deeper hope, different and richer. The work of the Spirit continues through every bump in the road, through every loss and every sorrow. (Call No. 248.8-CRA).

Rochester Hope September Wish List



Peanut butter	Toothpaste
Jelly	Single wrapped toothbrushes
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Diapers sizes 3,4,5 & 6	Sugar

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.

Ministry Schedule for September 6 & 7, 2025

Due to the bulletin being sent to press early, some ministry schedules have not been completed yet. If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to let them know your availability.

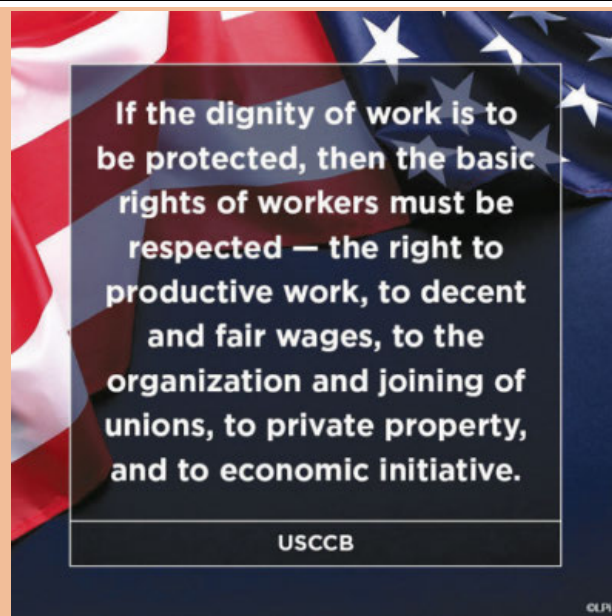
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Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Don Black Jack Black	Fred Compertore Volunteer Needed



Volunteering as an usher during Mass offers numerous benefits and plays a crucial role in the smooth functioning and welcoming atmosphere at St. Paul's

Before Mass, Ushers are there to provide guidance and answer questions as needed. They also ask for a few parishioners to present our gifts during the offertory, carry the cross in procession. During Mass, they simply observe, provide a count of the attendees, pass the baskets for our offerings and provide guidance as we receive Holy Communion. St. Paul's Ushers follow diocesan guidelines ensure that donations collected during Mass are secure.

Please considering being a part of this very important ministry. We are in desperate need of help at all Masses especially at our 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. If you are interested or have questions about the Usher Ministry, please contact Jodie in the parish office or via email at jodie.hickey@dor.org. We would love to have you as part of our team.



Prayer for Labor Day

Dear Lord,

Bless and protect the men and women whose hard work provides food and shelter to them and their families, services to our communities, and care to our world. Be with them as they work, but also as they rest and recreate in Your care. Amen!



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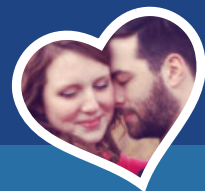
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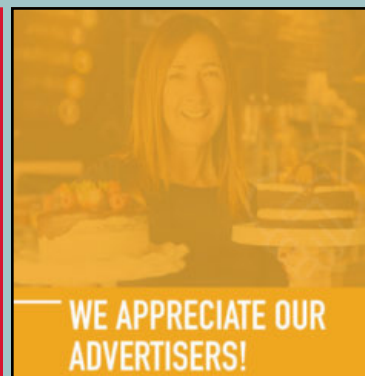
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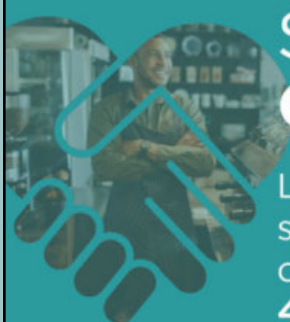
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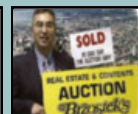


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