

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent**

## 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.



### 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, December 11

#### **Advent Weekday**

8:30A Mass  
3:00P Finance Council mtg.

### Tuesday, December 12

#### **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:30A Mass with anointing  
11:00A Staff mtg.  
12:00P Rosary Group

### Wednesday, December 13

#### **St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

8:30A Mass  
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00P Choir rehearsal

### Thursday, December 14

#### **St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

8:30A Mass  
6:30P Advent Penance Service with Individual Confession

### Friday, December 15

#### **Advent Weekday**

No Mass

### Saturday, December 16

#### **Advent Weekday**

10:00A Prayer Shawl  
2:00P Confession  
4:00P Mass

### Sunday, December 17

#### **3rd Sunday of Advent**

9:00A Mass  
10:00A SOR classes  
10:00A Confirmation Prep class yrs. 1 & 2  
10:00A Coffee & Donut Hour  
10:00A Adult Faith Program: "A Walk Through the Mass. Exploring the Sacred Liturgy"  
11:00A Mass-choir sings



## Parish Staff

<b>Pastor:</b> Fr. Paul Gitau	fr.paul.gitau@dor.org
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<b>Multi Parish Finance Director:</b> Joan Sullivan: 671-1100 x107	joan.sullivan@dor.org
<b>Finance Council Chair:</b> Tom Napoli	
<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

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**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org

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## Financial Snapshot

	October 2023	July-October 2023
Collections	\$37,000	\$157,600
Donations/ other revenue	\$11,360	\$24,220
Expenses	\$64,100	\$188,100
Operating surplus/deficit	(\$15,740)	(\$6,320)

## Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
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  
Mitchel J. Madlen  
From  
Wife, Mary Madlen*

# Seeds for the Journey

## ADVENT

The green of Ordinary time is replaced with the color of purple for the Advent season. Now stands a decorated Christmas tree waiting to be lit on Christmas Eve and a Nativity Scene near the stained glass windows to help keep us focused on what is yet to come. Beautiful purple banners hang on the walls and from the ceiling in the Worship space, continuing onto the tables in the Narthex and hallway. Wreaths are hung as well. When time comes to Celebrate Jesus' arrival the color will change to white and gold along with the traditional adorning of red poinsettias.



A large green Advent wreath with 5 candles: 3 purple, 1 pink and 1 white is placed in the Sanctuary near the Altar. It has been blessed.

The **CIRCLE** of the wreath signifies continuous life with no beginning or end, symbolizing the everlasting life we find in Christ. Each Mass a family will process with Fr. Paul, Deacon Mark and altar servers following the cross. After bowing, they will light the color candle(s) for that Advent week.

- ♦ **Week 1 Purple: (Hope)** "The Prophecy Candle" represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming of Jesus.
- ♦ **Week 2 Purple: (Faith)** "The Bethlehem Candle" is a reminder of Mary & Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- ♦ **Week 3 Pink: (Joy)** "The Shepherd's Candle" reminds us of the joy the world experiences at the birth of Jesus.
- ♦ **Week 4 Purple: (Peace)** "The Angel's Candle" reminds us of the message of "Peace on Earth, Good will towards Men".
- ♦ **Christmas Eve White: (Purity)** "The Christ Candle" represents Jesus' purity.

As we are readying ourselves with anticipation and excitement of the celebration of Jesus' birth by practicing our own traditions of preparation, let us remember to keep our perspective through this Advent season.

Jesus is the Heart of it all!!

Helen



## Christmas Flowers



If you wish to make a donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please note the name(s) on the envelope. The memorials will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. We use the parishioner info on the front of the envelope to note who the donation is from, if you would like something different, please note that as well. Envelopes are available in the Narthex if needed.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's Church". Envelopes must be received by **Monday, December 18th** in order for your loved ones names to make it into the bulletin. If you have any questions please contact Kasey at 671-2100 ext. 30 or [kasey.baker@dor.org](mailto:kasey.baker@dor.org)



## Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

CLOW will take the Season of Advent off. Please keep an eye on future bulletins for when the program will resume.



## Advent Penance Service With Individual Confession

Thursday, December 14  
at 6:30 p.m.

## The Sacristan Ministry Needs Your Help

Are you looking for a way you can give back to St. Paul's Parish? The Sacristan ministry is an easy way to do that. It is a behind the scene way to participate in the Mass by setting up the items needed for Mass, and cleaning and putting away these items after Mass. You can participate as an individual, do it with a friend, or as a family. You will need to arrive early at church to have everything ready prior to Mass beginning, and then stay after Mass to finish the task. You can shadow one of the current Sacristans to learn what is required of the task, and additional training will be provided. Sacristans are needed for all Masses, but we especially need Sacristans for the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Please contact Jane Adams at: [jane.adams1227@gmail.com](mailto:jane.adams1227@gmail.com) or call 544-5602, if you are interested. You can also give your name and contact info to the parish office. Thank you for considering this ministry. We really need your help.

## 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule

### 4th Sunday of Advent Masses

Saturday, December 23 @ 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 @ 9:00 a.m.

### Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Pre-Service Caroling

6:30 p.m.

### Christmas Day Mass

10:00 a.m.



## Adult Faith Event

There will be an Adult Faith Formation Catechesis open to all parishioners on Sunday, December 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the gathering room. The Topic is "A Walk Through the Mass. Exploring the Sacred Liturgy." The presenter for this talk will be Scott Rutan. For more information contact Anselm Mesue at [Anselm.mesue@dor.org](mailto:Anselm.mesue@dor.org)

## The Giving Tree



In lieu of tags on the Christmas tree please refer to the list below. The items requested are for boys or girls size infant to 16. Please bring **UNWRAPPED** gifts, to St Paul's and place them in the parish office hallway.....**no later than December 17**. Donations for "Fuel" are also being accepted this year, please make your

check payable to St. Paul's and add "Fuel" in the memo line.

Help us to provide Christmas joy for less fortunate families. Thanks to your continued generosity. If you have questions please call Pat Rotundo at 356-8309.

**PANTS OR JEANS**  
**PAJAMAS**  
**MITTENS, GLOVES, HATS**  
**SHIRTS or TOPS**  
**UNDERWEAR, SOCKS**  
**TOYS, BOOKS**  
**PLEASE NO GIFT CARDS or CASH**

## St. Paul's Question of the Week

**Dear editor, what are the benefits of the Children's Liturgy of the Word?**

The primary beneficiaries of the Liturgy of the Word with Children are the children. They are given an increased opportunity to come to a full, active and conscious participation in the Liturgy of the Word according to their spiritual capacity. Children experience liturgy and all the normal events of life with a capacity consistent with their age and stage of development. The Directory for Masses with children allows for Children's Liturgy of the Word: "it will be appropriate to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, room. Then, before the Eucharistic Liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own Liturgy of the Word" (number 17). This ensures that children are not neglected in Masses with adults. The Church intends on providing a rich liturgical experience through Liturgy of the Word with Children. It is not a child-care program, nor is it an arts and crafts session intended to keep young people busy while the adults are at worship. It is an authentic and concurrent celebration of the same, yet adapted, Liturgy of the Word that the adult community experiences. Liturgy of the Word with Children is an extension of worship in a separate place for a specific age group with particular guidelines. Here at St Paul's, we have a wonderful team of volunteers who are helping out with the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Parents should encourage their kids to attend. It is helpful for them to come into contact with the word of God at their own level and it is also important in their faith formation.



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 used 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.

## From the John Walsh Library

**Huddleston, Mary Anne**

### Springs of Spirituality

Ms. Huddleston shows how the various experiences that make up the spiritually guided life are fully integrated. Liturgy, individual prayer, works of mercy, penance, and other key elements are pivots along the process, turning points that bring us toward greater wholeness. She often draws from John's Gospel, especially its blend of enlightenment and inspiration as seen in the story of "The Woman at the Well." The woman is astonished that a Jew would ask a woman of Samaria for a drink, but Jesus replies that if she knew who was asking for a drink, he would have given her living water so that she would never thirst again. The woman hurried back to town to share her experience with the people. The author hopes this book will entice the reader to sip from this living water and embrace her vision of a harmonious global community here and a glorious celestial community hereafter. (Call No. 248.4-HUD)

## What's New at the John Walsh Library

The cart in the JW Library has been updated with adult and children's books for Advent and Christmas. We hope that you are able to take a moment away from the chaos and crowds to enjoy some quiet time with one of these wonderful books.

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### Prayer for Vocations

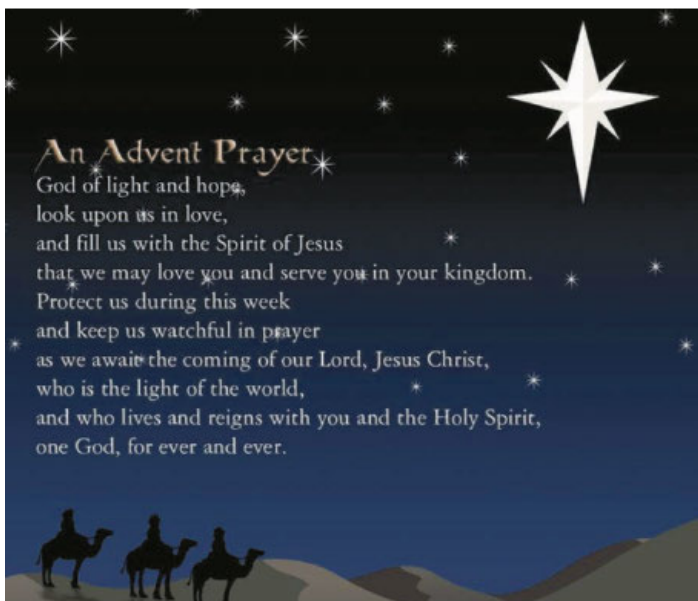
Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parishes. Inspire men to imitate Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, 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.

## Ministry Schedule for December 16 & 17, 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>	Lucy Rynkiewicz <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Cantors</b>	Tom Napoli	Cindy Rutan	Bob Slon
<b>EMHC</b>	Mary Beth Speicher Christine Grant	Margaret Milner Josephine Cozzo	Nancy Willard Anne LaClair
<b>Greeters</b>	Julie Shick Forest Shick	Jack Black DA Hutnick	Nancy Willard Anne LaClair
<b>Lectors</b>	Linda Pratt	Josephine Cozzo	Ethan Navarette
<b>Linens</b>	Cindy Rutan (No specific time for pick up)		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Christine Grant	DA Hutnick	Sharyn LiPari
<b>Stream Team</b>	Rod Campbell	Jerry Healey	George Hanley
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>







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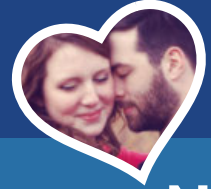
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