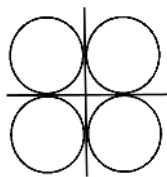


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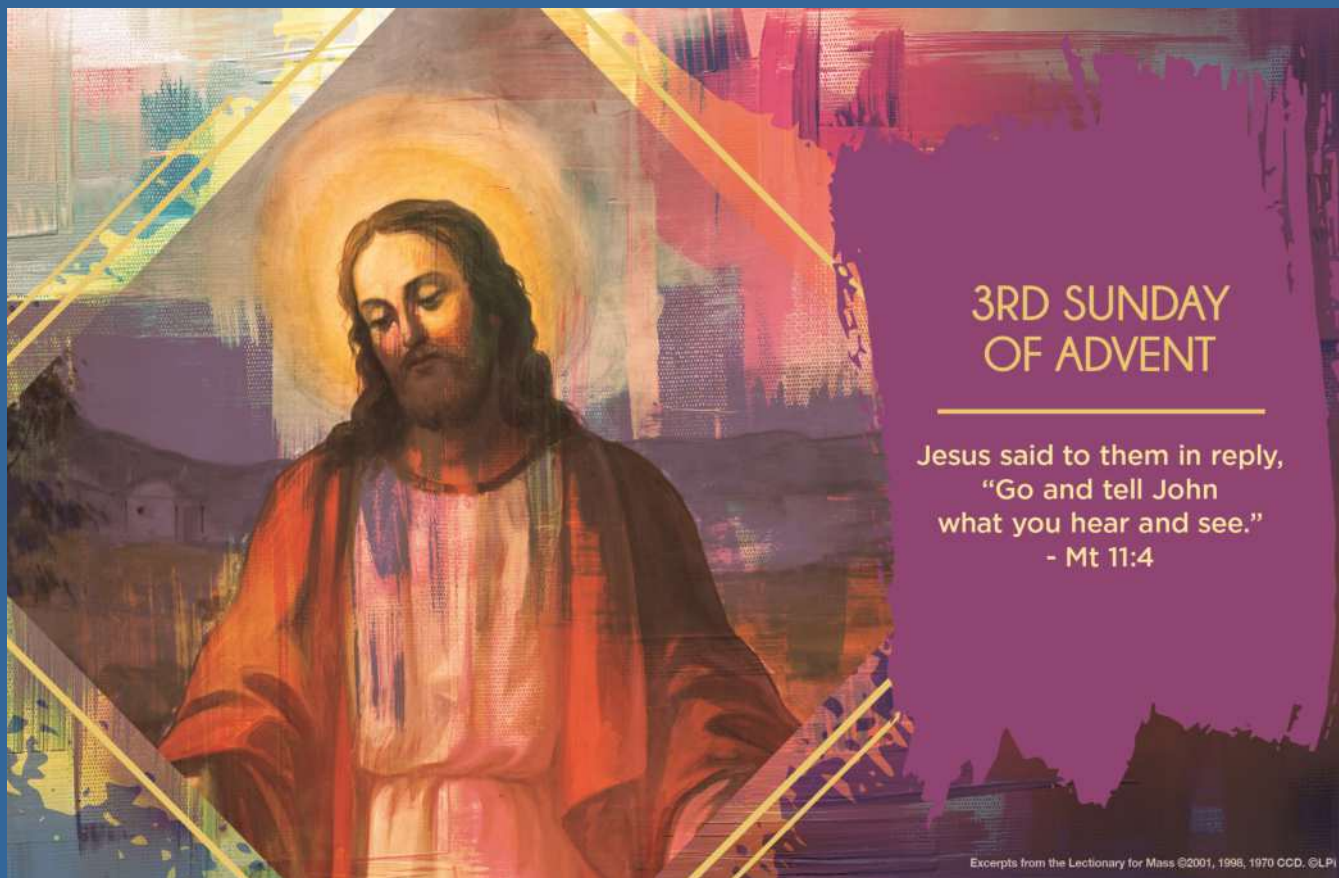


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

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.

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, December 15****Advent Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, December 16**Advent Weekday**

8:30A Mass with anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

6:00P Parish Pastoral Council mtg.

6:00P Bible Study

Wednesday, December 17**Late Advent Weekday**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 18**Late Advent Weekday**

8:30A Mass

11:00A Together in Grief mtg.

Friday, December 19**Late Advent Weekday**

No Mass

Saturday, December 20**Late Advent Weekday**

9:30A Men's Group mtg.

10:00A Prayer Shawl mtg.

11:00A Confirmation Prep Retreat

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, December 21**4th Sunday of Advent**

9:00A Mass

11:00A Mass

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Phone: 671- 2100**Emergency Number:** 369-9687**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org**Financial Snapshot**

| | October 2025 | July-October 2025 |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Collections | \$39,870 | \$162,119 |
| Donations/ other revenue | \$4,686 | \$12,405 |
| Expenses | \$65,032 | \$189,365 |
| Operating surplus/deficit | \$(20,476) | \$(14,841) |

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*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
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Seeds for the Journey

Happy "Gaudete" Sunday! On this third Sunday of Advent we light the rose colored candle in the Advent wreath and we direct our spiritual focus on joy. Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Today, we rejoice in the lord praising Him and giving Him thanks for His unchanging nature, love, grace and His constant presence in our lives. When we turn our worries into prayers asking God to see us through the hard times in life. He gives us joy and peace so that we can focus on what lies ahead. St. Paul said, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

I encourage you to take time to reflect on the true source of joy and share that joy with others through acts of kindness. Performing good deeds like lending a helping hand to a neighbor, paying for someone's coffee in a drive-thru, donating food to Webster Hope or buying one or two of the items on the Giving Tree list to bring joy to a child in our community. St. Paul also said: "Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near." As our Advent journey continues and as we approach the celebration of Christmas, I wish you peace and joy.

A PRAYER FOR THE Third Sunday of Advent

Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.
May our excitement and anticipation
be a sign to the world
that you are always near.
Amen.



Jodie

Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

(6:00 p.m. Pre-Service Caroling)

Christmas Day Mass

10:00 a.m.

2026 calendars are available at each of the entrances! Many thanks to our sponsor:

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Closing/Cancellation Notifications

We follow the Webster Central Schools weather closings so if Webster schools close due to the weather, St Paul's will be closed as well.

The info will be posted on our website. Please contact your ministry leader if you are not sure of the status of your activity.

Please be safe, if you are not comfortable driving in the inclement weather please stay home. We will see you once the weather is passable.

Grief Support Group



St. Paul's is blessed to have "Together in Grief" a wonderful bereavement support group that meets the third Thursday of each month. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited to attend our next meeting on December 18th at 11:00 a.m. in the Music Room. If you have any questions please contact Jodie in the parish office at 671-2100 or via email at jodie.hickey@dor.org.

Help Wanted

St Paul's is looking for a new member to join our Collection Count Team.

This volunteer opportunity would be Monday morning after mass once a month.

If you are interested in helping, please email:
Lisa.Hendershot@dor.org.

Time is Running Out!




There are just a few days left in 2025 to make a year end contribution to St. Paul's.

As another year comes to a close and we thank God for the many blessings we have received throughout the year, please remember St. Paul's in your Christmas generosity. It's through your donations that we are able to carry on our work.

Please drop your donation in the offering box or in the slot at the back of the church, or mail it in, or you can also make your donation online. Click on the "Donate" link on our web site at stpaulsrcc.org. Statements will be mailed to all donors by the end of January.

We are deeply grateful for your support. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Adult Faith Formation Save the Date



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ON THE ROAD


Technology as Gift and Challenge:
How to Engage Technology
Thoughtfully and Prayerfully

presented by Matthew Kuhner, Ph.D.

Thursday, January 15th, 2026
6:00pm

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For questions related to this event, please contact:
Anselm Mesue at: Anselm.Mesue@dor.org



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Confirmation Program at St Michael's Church During their Day of Service at Rochester Hope



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Beckett, Sr. Wendy Sr. Wendy's Bible Treasury (Stories & Wisdom Through the Eyes of Great Painters)

Sr. Wendy, a contemplative nun from Norfolk, England is a frequent presenter on art for the BBC and the author of several books. In this book she discusses some of the stories in the Bible, both Old and New Testament and the masterpieces that were inspired by them. The Old Testament describes some of the most dramatic episodes and memorable characters as illustrated by such paintings as *Moses and the Burning Bush* by Raphael and *David and Goliath* by Edgar Degas. In the new Testament the focus shifts to Jesus with His compelling parables and miracles, His birth and His suffering. Sr. Wendy reflects on the paintings that illustrate these events such as *The Mystic Nativity* by Sandro Botticelli, *The Good Samaritan* by Eugene Delacroix, and *The Last Supper* by Leonardo da Vinci, giving new insight into familiar territory. (Call No. 755.4-BEC).

Faith Formation Advent Collection

Kindly join the Faith formation programs for their annual Advent collection on Sunday December 14 during the 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. This year, the Faith formation programs are collecting food and personal care items for Rochester Hope. Rochester Hope, attached to St Michael's Church, is a food pantry on North Clinton Avenue in the city. Every Saturday, they provide community breakfast served between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., and a community lunch served between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Their food pantry is open to all zip codes to any individuals or families in need. They neither require ID nor any other documents from those they serve. Those they serve go through a small grocery store and take what they need assisted by a volunteer with no limits placed upon them. Rochester Hope feeds over 400+ individuals and families every Saturday. Those in our Confirmation program did their day of service, volunteering at Rochester Hope on Saturday November 22. We are collecting the following items for Rochester Hope for the Advent collection:

Canned meat, peanut butter, canned vegetables, rice, cereal, coffee/tea, personal care items and diapers

The Faith formation students will bring the collected items during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on December 14, in a procession at the Offertory. If you have any questions, or need more information, contact Helen or Anselm.

Ministry Schedule for December 20 & 21, 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.

| | 4:00 PM | 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM |
|--------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| Acolytes | Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed | Luca Picca Volunteer Needed | Lucy Rynkiewicz Volunteer Needed |
| Cantors | Tom Napoli | Elizabeth Randisi | Bob Slon |
| EMHC | Ellen Oinen Don Oinen | Jack Black DA Hutnick | Gina McNamara Volunteer Needed |
| Greeters | Julie Shick Forest Shick | Pat Amedeo Barb Rehberg | Anne Hauber Ellen Santora |
| Lectors | Barb Robbins | Jack Black | Marcia Kusse |
| Linens | No linen pick up this week | | |
| Sacristans | Christine Grant | Jane Adams | Connie Gurske |
| Stream Team | John Kosel | Sue Muto | Tom Napoli |
| Ushers | Sue Dettman Alice Bower | Dan Milner Don Black | Charlie & Nancy Carson Volunteer Needed |

Webster Hope December Wish List



Coffee, tea, crackers, flour, sugar, cooking oil, cake mix, brownie mix, canned vegetables, canned fruit (especially beets, pineapple & peaches), applesauce in jars, mandarin oranges, ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, toothpaste, cleaning products & laundry soap.

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.

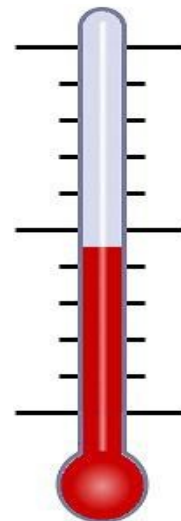


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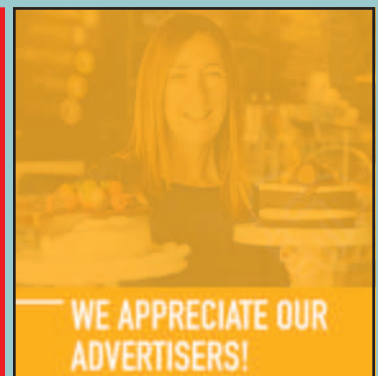


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