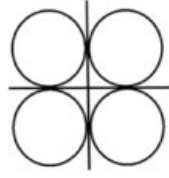


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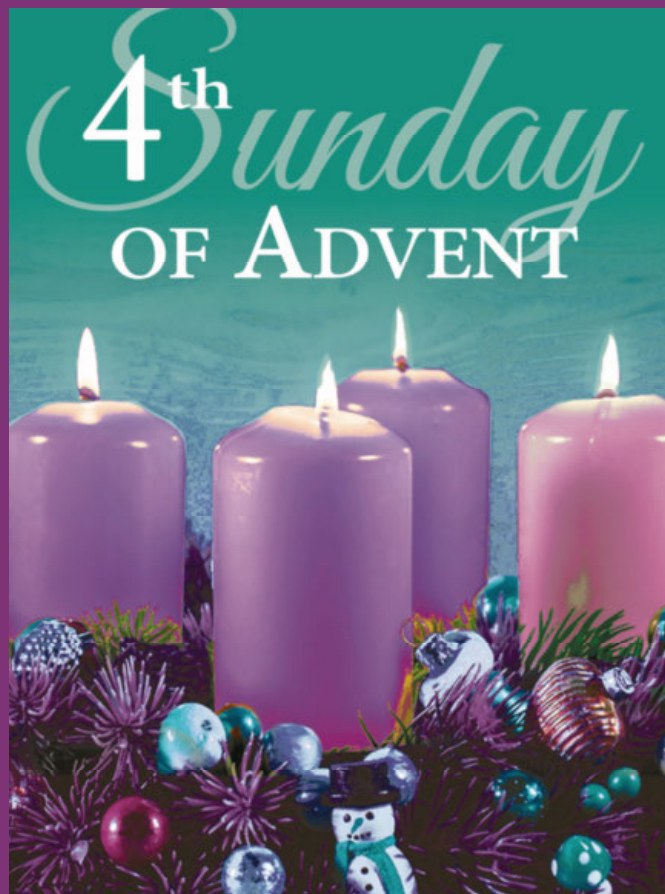


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

December 18, 2022 Fourth 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 19
Late Advent Weekday
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, December 20
Late Advent Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, December 21
Late Advent Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 22
Late Advent Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 23
Late Advent Weekday
Parish Office Closed
 No Mass

Saturday, December 24
Late Advent Weekday
Christmas Eve
No individual confession
 4:00P Mass
 6:00P Pre-service caroling
 6:30P Mass

Sunday, December 25
The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Day
No SOR
No Confirmation Prep
 9:00A Mass
 11:00A Mass



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Financial Snapshot

	October 2022	July 2022-October 2022
Collections	\$35,475	\$157,994
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,516	\$33,984
Expenses	\$62,215	\$220,989
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(26,224)	\$(29,011)

Expenses for October include quarterly invoices paid.

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	
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for
 Angeline Mastromatteo
 from
 Irene Saeva & family*

Seeds for the Journey



“Do not be afraid.” Those are the words of consolation and hope that the angel of God offered to Joseph in a dream as he contemplated how to proceed after discovering that Mary, his betrothed, was with child. *“Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home,”* the angel said. That was certainly not an easy command for Joseph to follow because Joseph had plenty to fear. Mary was with child and Joseph knew it wasn't his. He had a choice to expose her and leave her fate to the Jewish officials while disgracing both of their families, quietly divorce her according to Jewish law at the time, or take her as his wife. It must have been an agonizing thought process. But the angel's revelation to Joseph that Mary's child was indeed a result of the action of God, not of a man, convinced Joseph that the just choice was for him to take Mary into his home despite any public humiliation that might occur.

So Joseph, out of obedience to God and a deep love for Mary, received Mary as his wife, taking full responsibility for her and the child in her womb, the child who would soon be called Emmanuel, God is with us. Joseph, of course, knew that his life and that of Mary's was forever changed. But he had no idea what the future would bring. He was still in awe of the task God had given to him. In the silence of his heart he was likely wondering why God choose him to be the father of His Son, wondering what it all meant. But being the righteous man that he was Joseph took to God in prayer whatever life brought him, forever leaning on the words of hope spoken to him by an angel, *“Do not be afraid;”* words that inspired confidence that God was always with him.

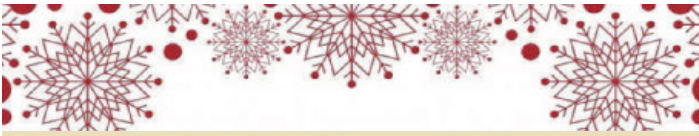
Do you ever find yourself afraid to step out in faith or hesitant to do what you know is the right thing to do or say for fear of the consequences? If so consider yourself one among many. Living in a world antagonistic to the Christian faith is certainly a challenge. But the story of Mary and Joseph, a very human story of love, agonizing choices, and faith, inspires us to believe - to trust, that God is always with us, encouraging us to do what is right and just.

The words of hope spoken to Joseph by the angel, *“Do not be afraid,”* are meant for us as well. Do not be afraid to live your faith, to speak the truth, to advocate for justice. Do not be afraid to love your neighbor, to feed the hungry, to cloth the naked, to shelter the homeless. Do not be afraid to respect the sacred dignity of every man, woman, and child - the unborn and the dying.

Do not be afraid, for Emmanuel, God, is with us!

Have a safe and wonderful Christmas!

Deacon Mark



Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM

6:30 PM

Sunday, December 25

9:00 AM

11:00 AM



There are just a few days left in 2022 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 stpaulscc.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!

Automatic Donations

A reminder that if you are signed up for automatic donations and chose the option for an annual Christmas donation, it will processed on December 20th. If you have any questions please contact Robin in the office at robin.martz@dor.org or 671-2100 ext. 30. Thank you very much!

FROM THE Pastor's Desk

First of all, please know that I am delighted as I continue serving you here at St. Paul's parish. We desire to be a family of believers centered upon the Holy Eucharist, the Word of God and helping to serve the poor. I would like to thank the 221 donors who have contributed \$55,700 for Catholic Ministries Appeal. That is 53% of our total goal of \$105,000. I am appealing to those who have not yet given their gifts for CMA to please give something so that we can reach our goal before the end of this year. Some parishes have already reached their goal and we have to take good care of our St. Paul's parish. I personally thank you for your continued support of our parish as you truly make Christ alive and present for others here at St. Paul's Church and beyond. With every best wish and a promise of my prayers for you and your loved ones during this Advent season. And please also remember that God loves you and so do I.

Fr. Paul

Christmas is Coming!

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding of the logistical challenges. While recognizing that the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is the most convenient for many of you, we ask that you prayerfully consider attending at 6:30 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. on Christmas Day instead. Those Masses are much less crowded, and you will have an easier time finding seats together with your family. As in the past, we are asking that you not send someone in advance to reserve seats. There will be ushers on hand to assist any parishioners and visitors with walkers, wheelchairs, or special needs.

Downstairs Seating

In order to accommodate the larger-than-usual crowds, we will broadcast the 4:00 p.m. and if needed the 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Masses on the large screen televisions downstairs in the parish hall. Eucharist will be carried to those seated downstairs. Thank you for your cooperation as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Parking

We have always enjoyed a fine relationship with our neighbors bordering St. Paul's property. We would like to continue that tradition. Please be courteous and do not park on any neighboring lawns. Be sure to check for available spots in the south parking lot.



Your CMA gift supports ministries that affect every Catholic in our Diocese. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's in this year's campaign.



Webster Hope Update & December Wish List

Most critical food items: Canned peas, corn, beans; flour, sugar; coffee, tea, hot chocolate; pasta - especially rotini, ziti, penne; cooking oil, hearty, chunky stews, soups; and jarred spaghetti sauce.

Hygiene items: Body lotion and wash, laundry detergent, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, shaving products.

Clothing items (gently used items are welcome): Kids boots, gloves (especially men's), hats, socks.

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.

From the John Walsh Library

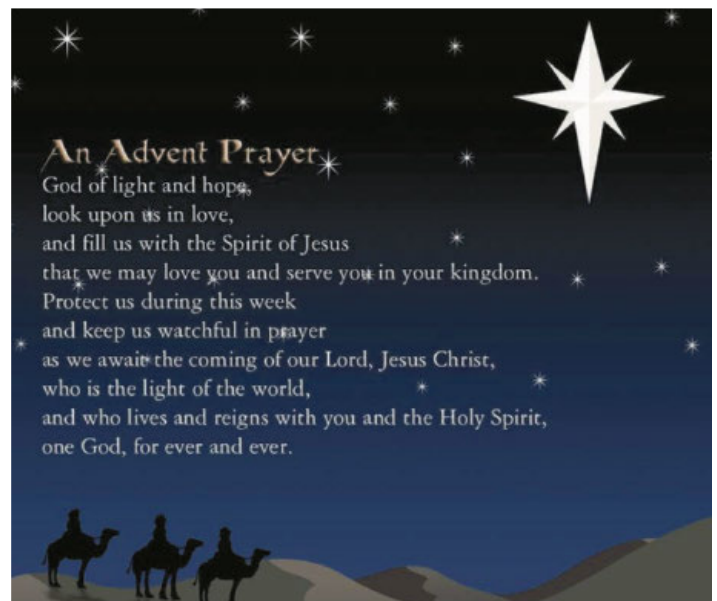
McDonnell, S.S.N.D., Rea Into the Heart of Mary

Sister Rea wants us to know and love Mary more deeply by rediscovering her in the very few scripture texts that mention her. The gospels give us just a few narratives that invite us into the heart of the mother of Jesus, but we feel especially close to her during this Nativity season. Like her beloved son Jesus, Mary grew in grace and wisdom throughout her life. Readers are also asked to grow by reflecting on the gospel passages that do describe her, by sharing their own experiences, feelings, and insights with others or in a journal, or by entering into a scripture scene involving Mary with all their senses. To see and to feel what she saw and felt. The awe, the fear, the joy. Sister Rea hopes readers will be filled with a sense of wonder and prayer as they "meet Mary again for the first time." (Call No. 242.74-MCD)



John Walsh Library

Remember to stop by the John Walsh Library when you come to Mass. There are many resources available for Advent and Christmas for both adults and children. Check it out!

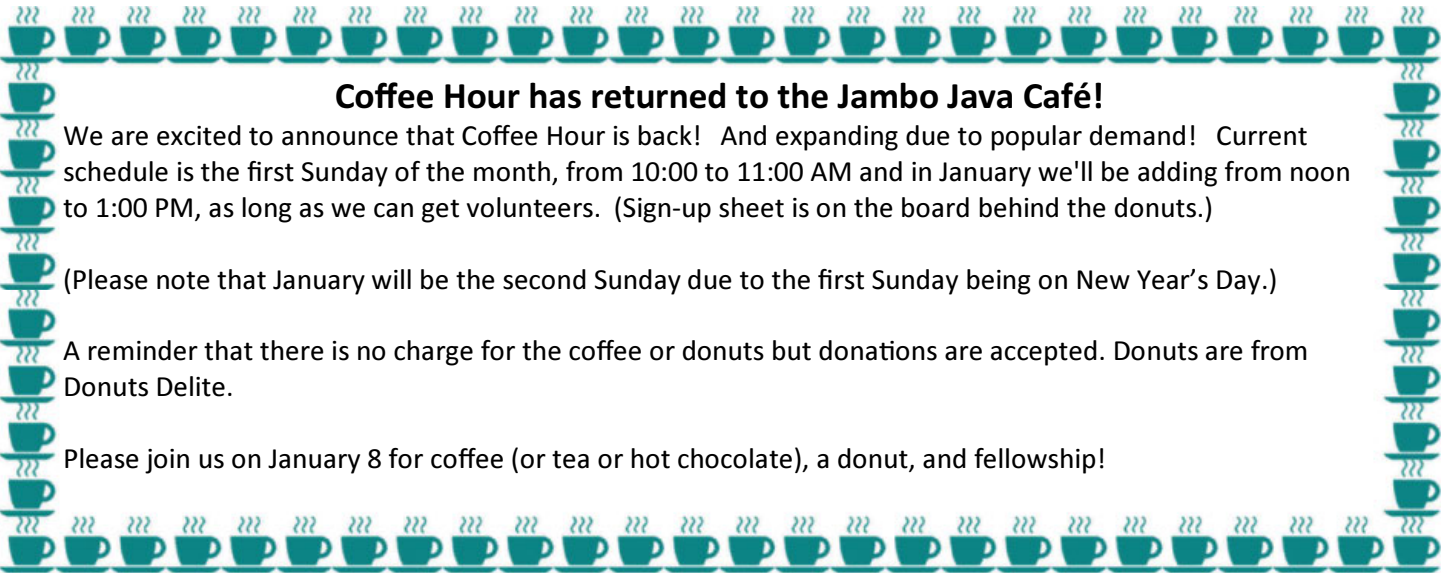


Ministry Schedule for December 24 & 25, 2022

Due to this bulletin being sent to press early, we are still in the process of finding volunteers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

As the dates approach the schedules will be posted on our website and on the liturgy board outside of the music room..

If you would like to serve in your ministry at one of the Masses, please contact Jodie to be added to the schedule. Thank you!



Coffee Hour has returned to the Jambo Java Café!

We are excited to announce that Coffee Hour is back! And expanding due to popular demand! Current schedule is the first Sunday of the month, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM and in January we'll be adding from noon to 1:00 PM, as long as we can get volunteers. (Sign-up sheet is on the board behind the donuts.)

(Please note that January will be the second Sunday due to the first Sunday being on New Year's Day.)

A reminder that there is no charge for the coffee or donuts but donations are accepted. Donuts are from Donuts Delite.

Please join us on January 8 for coffee (or tea or hot chocolate), a donut, and fellowship!

Giving Options

Drop your offering in the donation box or slot as you leave church.

Send us a check through your own Bank's BILL PAY feature.



Go to our website (stpaulsrcc.org) and click on the GIVING tab



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**Questions?
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Thank you!



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