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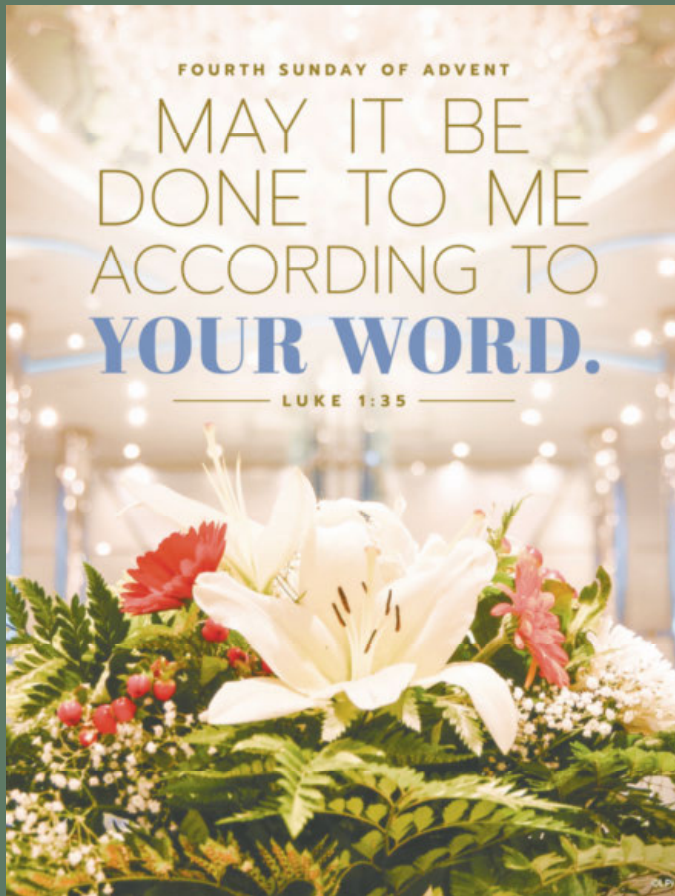


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

December 24 & 25, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent/Nativity of the Lord

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

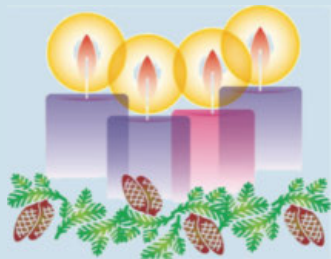
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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 25

The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Day
 Parish Office Closed
 10:00A Mass

Tuesday, December 26

St. Stephen, The First Martyr
Parish Office Closed
No Rosary Group
 8:30A Mass with anointing

Wednesday, December 27

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
Parish Office Closed
No Choir Rehearsal
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 8:30A Mass

Friday, December 29

5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
 No Mass

Saturday, December 30

6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
 2:00P Confession
 4:00P Mass-choir sings

Sunday, December 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
No SOR
No Confirmation Prep classes
 9:00A Mass-choir sings
 11:00A Mass

Monday, January 1

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
Parish Office Closed
 10:00A Mass

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Paul Gitau	fr.paul.gitau@dor.org
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Finance Council Chair: Tom Napoli	
Parish Council Chair: Linda D'Antonio	
Parish Trustees: 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

	November 2023	July-November 2023
Collections	\$36,211	\$193,822
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,531	\$26,984
Expenses	\$42,947	\$237,360
Operating surplus/deficit	(\$4,205)	(\$16,555)

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
 Robert Casey
 From
 Mary Ann Brodt*

Brothers and sisters,

Thank you for coming to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas liturgies with us here at St. Paul's. Indeed this is the day the Lord has made and we need to rejoice for Mary said "Yes!" "May it be done to me according to Your word." (Luke 1:38) And the Savior was born.

The angel said, "Do not be afraid, for behold! I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). God has become a human being. The Word of God has been made flesh and dwelt among us and his name is Emmanuel.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Christmas filled with peace and joy! We pray that the Lord will grant you hope and good health throughout the New Year.

Ben

Fr. Paul

Kasey

Jodie

John

Anselm

Helen

Deacon Mark

Joan





There are just a few days left in 2023 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!

Join our Team

St. Paul's is looking for a part time Adult Faith Formation Coordinator (about 15 hours a week). This person will collaborate in implementing the mission of the parish, by developing opportunities for spiritual development for parishioners such as Advent and Lenten retreats, recollections, Scripture study, and funeral planning. The AFF Coordinator will also coordinate the parish outreach to the home-bound.

Qualifications

- Masters or Undergraduate degree in Theology or Religious Studies or appropriate certification/experience.
- Active membership in a faith community of the Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rochester.
- Willingness to work occasional weekends and evenings, or to be available as needed.
- Organizational skills, including time management, delegation, planning and budgeting.

Please contact Kasey Baker for more information at kasey.baker@dor.org or 671-2100.

Make Saying the Rosary One of Your New Year's Resolutions



Begin 2024 by increasing your prayer life by joining St. Paul's Rosary Group. We meet at 12:00 p.m. every Tuesday in the worship area. Never recited the rosary before? Don't let that stop you from coming, we will show you how. There is no commitment necessary. All are welcome.

Everyday Stewardship Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

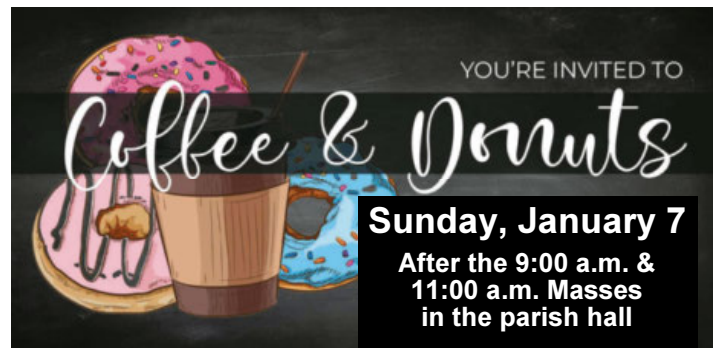
Full of Joy

Last year we waited much too long to buy our Christmas trees. We usually have one in the living room and then one by the large window in our room that sits at the front of the house. Essentially, there is one for us to see and then one for all the neighbors walking their dogs in the December cold. If you wait too long to buy a fresh tree you might just not find a tree. But last year I found one tree lot I had not bought from in the past. Luckily, they had some great trees. The price was a little higher than I was used to, but a tree would be mine no matter what.

What I found interesting at the lot was a group of about nine young people sitting around a fire, laughing and drinking coffee. I wondered, "All of these people for a tree lot late at night and this late in the season?" What I found out was that these weren't paid workers. These were recovering drug and alcohol addicts. This was their rehab's tree lot, and this was their service and group therapy. I spoke to a couple of them and found they were the nicest people around. They were full of joy for the new life they had found and thankful for the people who helped bring them through the trial of their lives. Suddenly, that tree they sold me seemed more beautiful and majestic than it had when I first drove up.

This Christmas may the Lord that slept in a manger provide for your rest. May the God that gives many gifts to all of us bless you abundantly. And may the Prince of Peace help you to find true gratitude for the gift of life. May you and yours feel the joy of the season, like a group of recovering addicts around a campfire on a cold December night.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



A Christmas Prayer



"Let Your goodness, Lord, appear to us, that we,
made in your image, conform ourselves to it.

In our own strength
we cannot imitate Your majesty, power, and wonder
nor is it fitting for us to try.

But Your mercy reaches from the heavens
through the clouds to the earth below.

You have come to us as a small child,
but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts,
the gift of eternal love

Caress us with Your tiny hands,
embrace us with Your tiny arms
and pierce our hearts with Your soft, sweet cries."

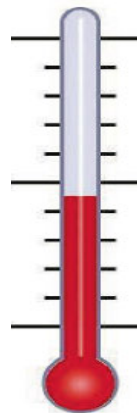
— St. Bernard of Clairvaux



Ministry Schedule for December 30 & 31, 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
Acolytes	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Cantors	Bonnie Serio	Bob Slon	Elizabeth Randisi
EMHC	Sue Dettman Christine Grant	Craig Lippolis Volunteer Needed	Nancy Willard Karen Napoli
Greeters	Theresa Augsbury Patrice DeAngelis	DA Hutnick Volunteer Needed	Ellen Santora Nancy Willard
Lectors	David Swinson	Crissy Picca	Marcia Kusse
Linens	Sue Dettman (No specific time for pick up)		
Sacristans	Christine Grant	DA Hutnick	Laure Barr
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Lou Rotundo	George Hanley
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Don Black Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed



Goal
\$102,000

Pledged
\$48,098.45

47.16%
of our goal

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



As of December 14th, 216 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!



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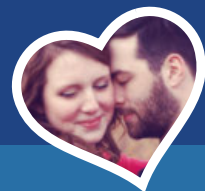
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