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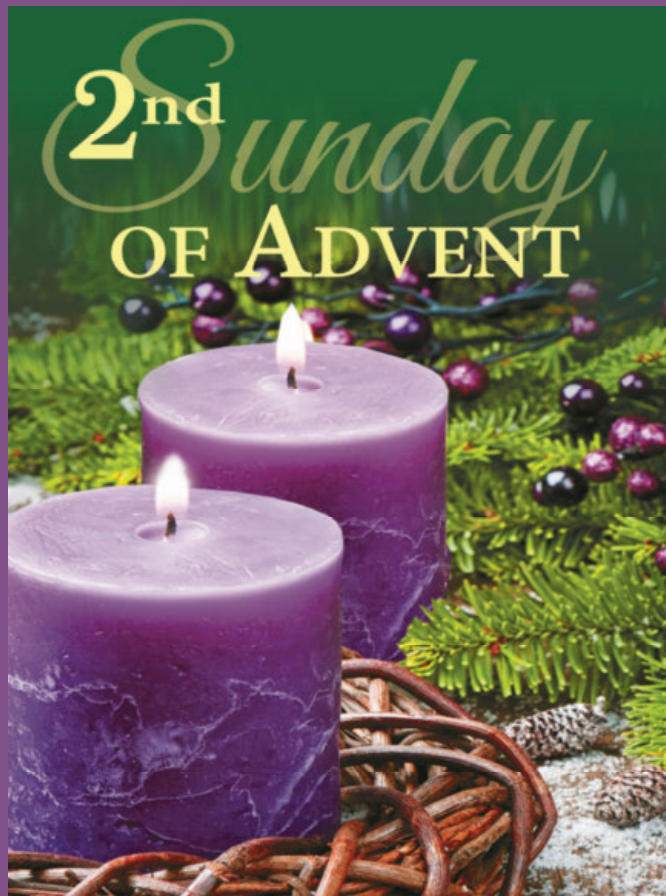


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

December 4, 2022 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 5

Advent Weekday

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, December 6

Advent Weekday

8:30A Mass

9:15A Coffee & Catholicism

Wednesday, December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30P National Eucharistic

Revival Speaker Series: Guest

Speaker: Dr. Matthew Kuhner

Thursday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30A Mass

7:00P Mass

8:00P Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 9

Advent Weekday

No Mass

Saturday, December 10

Advent Weekday

9:00A Advent Retreat: Hallmark Christmas

2:00P Individual Confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

9:00A Mass

10:00A SOR Classes

11:00A Mass

12:00P Confirmation Prep yr. 2



Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Paul Gitau

Deacon: Mark Robbins

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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
Don Senecal
from
Joyce Halitsky*

Seeds for the Journey

Advent

The green of Ordinary time is replaced with the color of purple for the Advent season. Now stands a Christmas tree near the stained glass windows, waiting to be decorated with ornaments representing our faith family. A solid wooden Mary and Joseph with an empty manger is set in front of the altar, waiting for the arrival of baby Jesus on Christmas Eve. Beautiful purple banners hang on the walls, pedestals, and from the ceiling in the Worship Space continuing into the Narthex and hallway where there are Nativity scenes placed on the benches to keep us focused.



A large green Advent wreath with 5 candles: 3 purple, 1 pink and 1 white is placed near the altar.

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 be processing 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 (the hustle and bustle of shopping; the joy of the holiday songs being played everywhere; the amazing lights and colors), let us remember to keep our perspective through the season that Jesus is the heart of it all.

Helen

Christmas Flowers Memorials

If you wish to make a donation in memory of a loved one for Christmas flowers, please include their name(s) as well as who the donation is from.

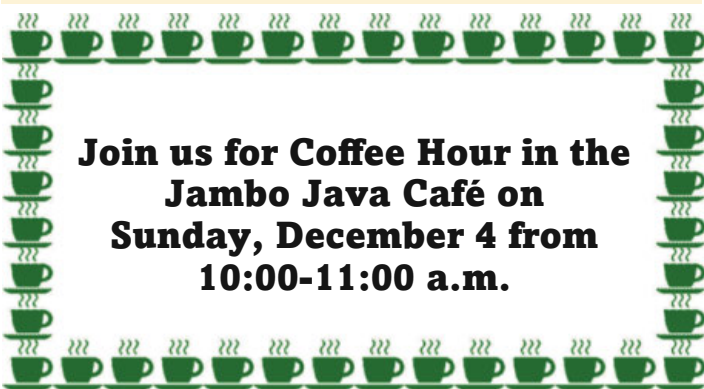
You can also donate towards Christmas flowers through the link on our website. There is a text box to note who the donations is in memory of.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's Church". The deadline is December 12 to make it into the bulletin. We will also list the memorials on our web site. If you have any questions please contact Robin at 671-2100 ext. 30 or robin.martz@dor.org. Thank you!

Looking for that Special Gift to Give for Christmas?



SERVV offers you an opportunity to purchase hand made items that support craftsmen and women from developing countries around the world. You can find these items on the website: servv.org?a=CRSRChap. Note that 20% of your purchase price goes to support Catholic Relief Services.



**Join us for Coffee Hour in the
Jambo Java Café on
Sunday, December 4 from
10:00-11:00 a.m.**

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!

Coffee and Catholicism

All are invited to join the Adult Faith group on Tuesday, December 6th at 9:15 AM as they continue watching *The Chosen* series. This week they will be watching and reflecting on Season 1, Episode 3: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*. *"The disciples approached Jesus and said, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, 'Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. For whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.'*" Matthew 18:1-5.

Webster Hope

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.

AFF Advent Retreat Movie Update

This year, as part of the Advent Retreat on December 10th, the Adult Faith program will be presenting the movie **Simon Birch**. Simon is a boy born with dwarfism and confident that God made him this way for his ultimate purpose in life. He and his best friend Joe are on a mission to find Joe's birth father and ponder many personal and theological questions along their journey. It is a beautiful movie about love, family, friendship, faith, and living a life of purpose. Disclaimer: This movie does have some foul language and displays of inappropriate behavior. Please contact Katie Van Damme in the parish office with any questions regarding this movie.

Advent Penance Service With Individual Confession

Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Written by Emma Rosa on behalf of the Confirmation Candidates After Their Service Day at Bethany House

On Saturday, December 19th the St. Paul's Confirmation candidates visited Bethany House. Bethany house is a home open to homeless women and children who have dealt with past traumas or hardships in their lives. We visited this house to help the families living there by cleaning and doing chores around the house. However, more importantly we furthered our understanding of the importance of helping others, and are extremely grateful to have been given the opportunity to help the women and children.

We started the day with an opening prayer, and watched a video about a woman named Dorothy Day, who is in the process of becoming a saint. Dorothy made many contributions to the world and to our religious community. During a war period, she described noticing all of the people around her struggling and wanted to make a change. Therefore, she founded the Catholic Worker Movement that has impacted many lives today. The Bethany House was influenced by Dorothy Day's contributions, focusing on helping those in need. We were taught by the video that it is extremely important to make our best efforts to help others, as we never know the challenges they have faced throughout their life.

We then began chores around the home, and while doing so, got to interact with the women and children living there. We painted rooms, cleaned the children's toys, organized the kitchen, sorted through piles of donations, etc. We were delighted to have been able to help, as the women at the Bethany House were able to relax and have a day off from their daily household obligations. Not only was it a positive way to support our community, but it also helped us bond in our confirmation group and with the families living there. We all would love to help around the house again, and truly enjoyed the experience.

In conclusion, we learned that helping and supporting those less fortunate is one of the most important contributions a Catholic can make. As we continue our journey to Confirmation, we will learn more about how lending a helping hand to others will strengthen our bond with God. We encourage all to help those around you, no matter the situation. Thank you Bethany House for this uplifting opportunity.

From the John Walsh Library

Boyle, S.J., Gregory Tattoos on the Heart

Father Boyle received the Laetare Medal from Notre Dame University in recognition of his outstanding service to the Catholic Church and to society. In his address at Notre Dame, Father Boyle stressed that we should not simply do things FOR other people, we should do things WITH other people. Better known as "G-Dog" to his "homeboys," he became the pastor of Dolores Mission Church, the poorest parish in Los Angeles, in 1986. In 1988 he buried his first young person killed because of gang violence, a task he would perform an additional 167 times over the next twenty years. He founded Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the United States. In this book he introduces us to some unforgettable people, from a twelve-year-old boy who justified dating a sixteen-year-old girl "because she's short," to a boy he baptized at Juvenile Hall only to inform him after the ceremony that his brother had been killed by a rival gang member. Like Christ, Father Boyle meets people where they are and sees the beauty and worth of every person. He tells their stories with humor, compassion, and heartbreak. (Call No. 277.94-BOY)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Thursday, December 8

Mass Times:

8:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series



On Wednesday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. we welcome the dynamic and fascinating speaker, Dr. Matthew Kuhner to St. Paul's Church to present *Mary and the Eucharist*. His talk will also focus on the Advent season related to the Eucharist. Dr. Kuhner is the Vice

President and Academic Dean at St. Bernard's School, as well as an Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology. His works have been published in many theological magazines and he presents throughout the diocese on various theological topics, including Theology of the Body. Registration is not necessary. Those who attend will also receive a copy of the book *Becoming Eucharistic People* which will be referred to throughout the Eucharistic Revival.

Ministry Schedule for December 10 & 11, 2022

Due to this bulletin being sent to press early, we are still in the process of finding volunteers. Please contact the ministry coordinator if you are available to assist. Thank you!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	Ryan Bacchatta Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Lucy Rynkiewicz Chris Yuskiw
Cantors	TBD	TBD	TBD
EMHC	Kevin Nuwer Sue Dettman	Jack Black Margaret Milner	Gina McNamara Karen Napoli
Greeters	Patrice DeAngelis Diana Kemp	Linda D'Antonio Jerry Healey	Barb Rehberg Anne LaClair
Lectors	Dave Swinson	Jack Black	Larry & Gina McNamara
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Christine Grant Irene Dragt	Turner family	Barr Family
Stream Team	John Kosel	Lou Rotundo	George Hanley
Ushers	Sue Dettman Kevin Nuwer	Jack Black Linda Fiske	Fred Compertore Margaret Cress

Giving Tree

We will again have a revised Giving Tree this year. We have eliminated the tags on the tree. Instead you can refer to the list below of suggested gift items. Any of these items can be for a boy or girl, any size infant to size 16. Purchase what you can and bring the gifts, unwrapped, to St Paul's and put them in the Narthex closet next to the library....**please, no later than December 17.** Donations for "Fuel" are also being accepted this year, please make your check out to St. Paul's and add "Fuel" in the memo line.

We will still provide needy children with some Christmas joy 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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM

6:30 PM

Sunday, December 25

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

2023 calendars are available at each of the entrances! Many thanks to our sponsor:

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