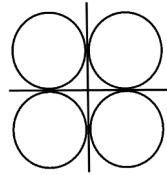


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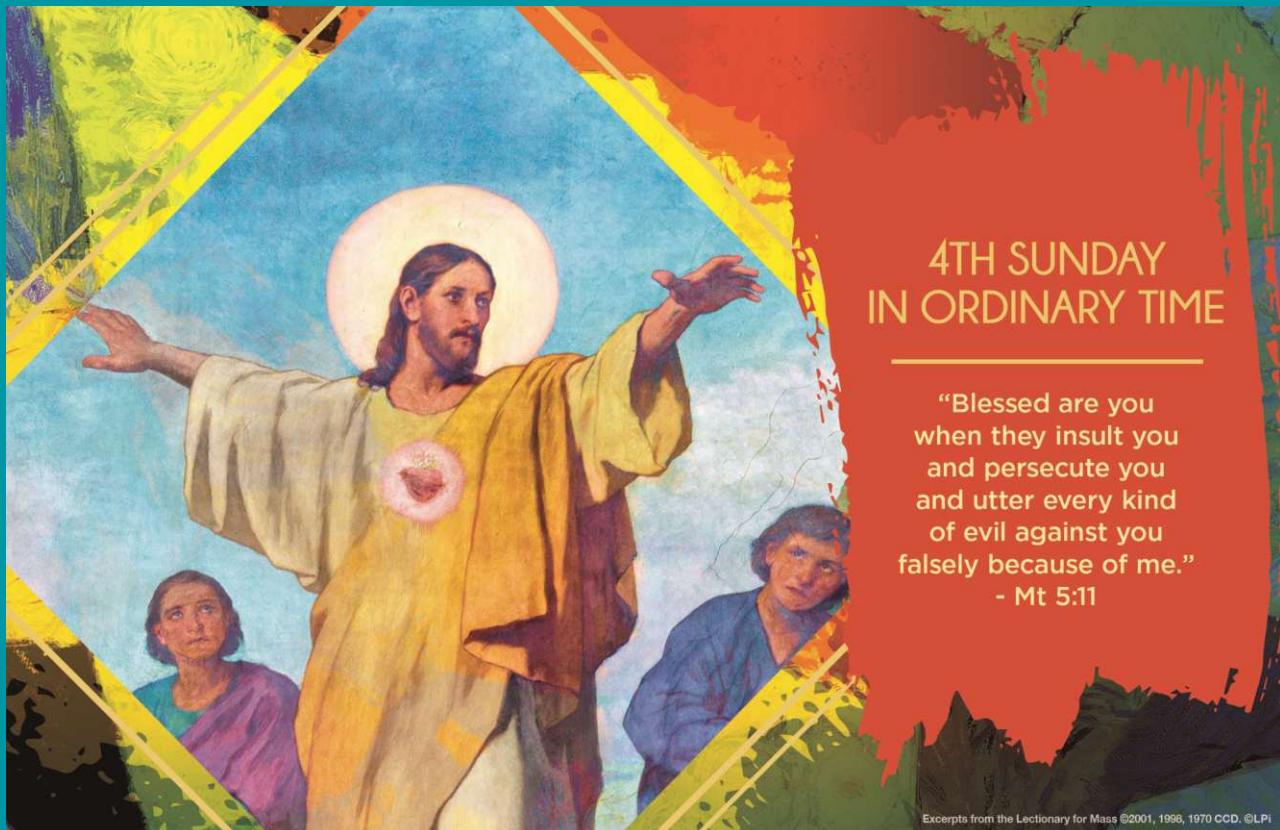


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

**February 1, 2026   Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## 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, February 2

**The Presentation of the Lord**  
 8:30A Mass  
 7:00P Confirmation Prep yrs. 1 & 2 Zoom mtg. with sponsors

### Tuesday, February 3

**Weekday/St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop**  
 8:30A Mass with anointing  
 12:00P Rosary Group

### Wednesday, February 4

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

### Thursday, February 5

**St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**  
 8:30A Mass  
 6:00P Bible Study

### Friday, February 6

**St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**  
 No Mass  
 8:30A Vac Pac

### Saturday, February 7

**Weekday**  
 10:00A Prayer Shawl  
 2:00P Confession  
 2:00P Confirmation Prep Service Day (Pasta Dinner)  
 4:00P Mass  
 5:00P Pasta Dinner

### Sunday, February 8

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**No Confirmation Prep Classes**  
 9:00A Mass  
 10:00A SOR Classes  
 11:00A Mass



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<b>Parish Trustees:</b> Forest Shick & George Hanley	

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<b>Phone:</b>	671-2100
<b>Emergency Number:</b>	369-9687
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.stpaulsrcc.org">www.stpaulsrcc.org</a>
<b>Diocese of Rochester:</b>	<a href="http://www.dor.org">www.dor.org</a>

<u>Financial Snapshot</u>		
	December 2025	July-December 2025
Collections	\$75,956	\$266,643
Donations/other revenue	\$8,360	\$30,961
Expenses	\$59,131	\$286,705
Operating surplus/deficit	\$25,185	\$10,899



*The flowers in the  
 Sanctuary this weekend are  
 in memory of:  
 Carole Olifiers  
 from  
 The Olifiers family*



*This week the  
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
 the parishioners of  
 St. Paul's*

# Seeds for the Journey

*"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"*

Above is the prayer we pray to St. Blaise at or near the celebration of his feast day (Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>). So much of the life of St. Blaise is a mystery, and much of what we know has been passed on to us as legend. It is said that St. Blaise was a worker of miracles and as word spread of the wonders he performed, he attracted great crowds. He was also renowned for his verbal attacks on the Roman rulers for their persecution of Christians in fourth century Armenia.

The combination of these two aspects of his life resulted in the order for his arrest by the Romans. However, St. Blaise was initially able to avert arrest and fled to a cave in the wilderness, where, it is said, he was surrounded by animals, which he cared for and healed. As the story goes, while in the cave a woman brought her young son, who had a bone lodged in his throat, to St. Blaise, who prayed over the boy and blessed him. He was subsequently healed. From that miracle came the practice of the blessing of throats that we continue today. The use of candles stems from the legend that after St. Blaise was captured and imprisoned a woman, out of kindness, brought him provisions, including candles so that he had light in his cell.

In a 2020 article in the National Catholic Register, Patty Knap relates a story about her father who had suffered a stroke and was unable to talk or swallow, requiring the insertion of a feeding tube. While her father's condition worsened Patty was praying continuously, including the Rosary and the Divine Mercy, among other prayers. Then, realizing her father's condition centered on his throat, she sought the intervention of St. Blaise. The next day her father's condition greatly improved, he was able to swallow and the feeding tube was removed. When Patty told him of her prayers to St. Blaise he responded, *"That was our friend, St. Blaise for sure!"*

As legend has it, people were drawn to St. Blaise, not just because he was said to be a miracle worker, but because of his holiness as well. That is essentially the message of today's feast. People were drawn to Jesus because of St. Blaise's devotion to Jesus, even to the moment of his death by the Romans for his refusal to worship the Roman Emperor. St. Blaise was a witness to the Gospel – an evangelist – by the example of his life. Jesus desires the same from us.

Like St. Blaise, we are called to reach out, to intervene, to bring people together, and to help people see the bigger picture of God's Kingdom, even in the face of persecution. As Jesus said in today's Gospel, *"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

Let us pray. Lord Jesus through the intercession of St. Blaise help us to come to a deeper and fuller experience of your love for us, and free us from all that hinders others from seeing you in us, so that through us others might come to know of your love.

**Deacon Mark**

### Funeral Planning Presentation

Pre-planning a funeral is a subject that many times evokes many emotions especially for those who are ill or in their golden years. It may encourage thoughts about immortality and reflections about our lives and what we wish to leave behind. Yet, pre-planning can be a gift to loved ones and emotional peace of mind for ourselves.

## Please Join US!

**Date:** Thursday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m.

**What:** FUNERAL PLANNING: The Whys and Hows of Planning Ahead

**Where:** Parish Hall

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Jeff Scott of Willard Scott Funeral Home

**HOSTED BY ST. PAUL'S FUNERAL TEAM:** Bonnie Serio & Helen Stirpe

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Bonnie via email: [bonnie.serio@dor.org](mailto:bonnie.serio@dor.org) by **Monday, February 9th.**

## Contribution Statements

Statements for 2025 donations have been mailed. If you did not receive yours, or have any questions, please contact Kasey Baker via email at [kasey.baker@dor.org](mailto:kasey.baker@dor.org).



**Dear parishioners at St. Paul's,**

Thank you for your recent donation of 390 lbs. of food for our food pantry!

Your thoughtfulness in support of our ministry is always appreciated.

**Sincerely,**  
Webster Hope

## St. Paul's Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Proceeds benefit St. Paul's Confirmation Program

**Saturday, February 7**  
**at 5:00 p.m.**



**Exact cash or check accepted**



## Pasta Dinner



Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Faith Formation programs. If you are interested in helping the Confirmation candidates, their parents, and the Knights of Columbus as a volunteer for the pasta dinner please email Anselm. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated and would make a significant difference. Thank you for considering this opportunity to support our Confirmation candidates and their families.



Congratulations to **Isabelle Ebertz** and **Ethan Navarette** who will receive the Hands of Christ Award 2026 from Bishop Matano, the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Rochester, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester. Isabelle will receive her award on Tuesday, February 3, while Ethan will receive his award on Wednesday, February 4.



**Thursday, February 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the worship area**

Webster Hope  
February Wish List

Canned pineapple, canned beets, flour, sugar, cooking oil, laundry detergent, cleaning sprays, toilet bowl cleaner, liquid hand soap and gently used children's clothing (all sizes)

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.



## Stress in Your Marriage?

**Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi, meaning rediscovery) is a program for married couples who feel disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage.

- ◆ Some don't want to air dirty laundry at counseling.
- ◆ Some are counseling but going nowhere.
- ◆ Sometimes life-changing events occur (car accident, illness, addictions) and most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouses about it.

*This world-wide Catholic program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.*

Our next program starts Feb 20th, please call 585-293-1552 with confidential questions or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

## Ministry Schedule for February 7 & 8, 2026

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>	Luca Picca <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Cantors</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>EMHC</b>	Mary Beth Speicher Ellen Oinen	Margaret Milner Karen Napoli	Ruth Prinzivalli Gina McNamara
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill Galbraith Diana Kemp	Ebertz family	Anne LaClair Jean Van Apeldoorn
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Linens</b>	Sue Dettman No specific time for pick up		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Ellen & Don Oinen	Eileen Turner	Sharyn LiPari
<b>Stream Team</b>	John Kosel	Sue Muto	George Hanley
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Paul Fetter Herb Gauch	Dallas & Joanne Miller <b>Volunteer Needed</b>



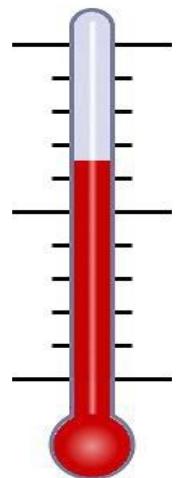
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**Goal**  
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Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider a gift. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. Every gift to the CMA helps those in need, supports the mission of the Church, and comes back to help our parish. Let us continue to pray for the success of our efforts.

Thank you for your generous support!

A woman with short blonde hair and glasses, wearing a pink shirt and a white apron, is smiling and pointing towards the text on the right. She is standing in a flower shop with various flowers in the background.

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The logo for Weinstein Randisi Law Firm. The word "Weinstein" is in a large, serif font above "YOUR FAMILY'S" in a smaller, sans-serif font. To the right of "Weinstein" is a green graphic of a maple leaf. To the right of the leaf is the word "Randisi" in a large, serif font, with "LAW FIRM" in a smaller, sans-serif font directly below it. Below the main names, the text "Nursing Home Questions?" and "Estate Planning Needs?" is displayed in a large, serif font, followed by "We can help!" in a bold, sans-serif font.

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A color photograph of a woman with long, light-colored hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is positioned behind a counter in what appears to be a bakery or a cafe. On the counter in front of her are several items: a round cake with white frosting and fruit on top, a tray with what looks like scones or muffins, and a small white bowl. In the background, there are shelves filled with more baked goods and some bottles, possibly oils or syrups. The lighting is soft and warm, creating a cozy atmosphere.

A photograph of a person's hand holding a black pen over a clipboard. The clipboard has a white sheet of paper with a business card printed on it. The card features the text 'LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS', 'Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!', 'CONTACT ME Brett Burt', 'bburt@4LPi.com', and '(800) 477-4574 x6443'. The background is a light blue color.

An illustration of a church bulletin titled 'CHURCH NAME CATHOLIC CHURCH' with a cross icon, being sent via email. The bulletin is shown inside an open yellow envelope, with a blue arrow pointing towards it and a large '@' symbol indicating email.

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