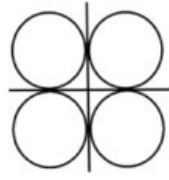


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**February 11, 2024 Sixth 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.



## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."  
- Mk 1:40

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### 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.

# February

## Monday, February 12

### Weekday

8:30A Mass  
10:00A Library workday  
3:00P Finance Council mtg.

## Tuesday, February 13

### Weekday

8:30A Mass with anointing

## Wednesday, February 14

### Ash Wednesday

### Fast & Abstinence

### Valentine's Day

### No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30A Mass  
12:00P Mass  
6:30P Mass

## Thursday, February 15

### Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:30A Mass  
11:00A Together in Grief  
7:00P Good Sam Outreach mtg.

## Friday, February 16

### Friday after Ash Wednesday

No Mass

## Saturday, February 17

### Saturday after Ash Wednesday

### 2nd Collection: Black, Native American & Hispanic

10:00A Prayer Shawl  
2:00P Confession  
4:00P Mass  
5:00P St. Paul's Pasta Dinner

## Sunday, February 18

### First Sunday of Lent

2nd Collection: Black, Native American & Hispanic  
No Confirmation Prep yr. 1 only  
9:00A Mass-choir sings  
10:00A SOR classes  
10:00A Confirmation Prep yr. 2  
11:00A Mass

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HEALED BY  
*Compassion*



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<b>Parish Trustees:</b> 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.)

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## Financial Snapshot

	January 2024	July-January 2024
Collections	\$66,432	\$310,114
Donations/ other revenue	\$6,452	\$38,737
Expenses	\$67,710	\$322,864
Operating surplus/deficit	\$5,175	\$25,987

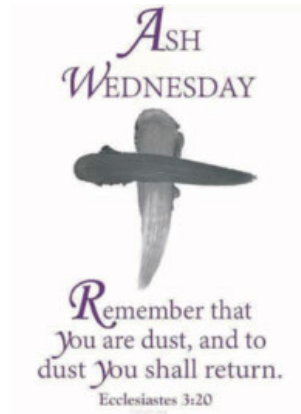
## Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

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  
Lawrence Fiske  
From  
Wife, Linda*

## *Seeds for the Journey*



**Ash Wednesday**, (February 14<sup>th</sup>), is the first day of the Season of Lent. We receive blessed ashes (burnt palms from the previous year) on our foreheads. We hear the words: "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return". During the next 40 days we seek the Lord through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

***Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Amen!***

Lent is also the time that 9 of our 33 School of Religion (SOR) children will prepare to receive the Sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (Penance) and 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist (Communion).

Firstly, they prepare for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (Penance) by completing a workbook with their parents and attending a workshop which includes a video, activities, and a craft on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

During the Penance Service on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm they will make their **1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (Penance)** which will ready their heart to receive Jesus in their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion during the Easter Season.

Secondly, comes **The Rite of Enrolment** that begins their preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist (Communion). This will be during the 11:00am mass on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Paul will call them forward to ask them questions of their commitment. In response they will say "YES"!! After he blesses them, they will hand a prayer card to anyone in the assembly who is willing to be their prayer partner. Prayer pockets will be available to drop prayers or any small inspirational gifts etc.

Thirdly, they will complete a workbook with their parents for 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist (Communion) as well as attend a workshop on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

They will receive their **1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist (1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion)** during the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey:

***Leo, Olivia, Guilianna, Myles, Demi, Ava, Santino, Dominic, Keisha***

***Helen***



## Ash Wednesday Masses Wednesday, February 14

**8:30 a.m.**

**Noon**

**6:30 p.m.**

### Fasting & Abstinence:

Catholics from age 18-59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent. Have one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals. Abstinence means Catholics of age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays during Lent.



## Monday, February 19 Presidents' Day

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
The Parish Office will be  
closed in observance  
of the holiday

## World Marriage Day

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Almighty and eternal God,  
You blessed the union of married couples  
so that they might reflect the union of Christ  
with His Church:

look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant,  
increase Your love in them,  
and strengthen their bond of peace  
so that, with their children,  
they may always rejoice in the gift of  
Your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Lent is Coming!



Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from next weekend after Mass. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

## Second Collection



Next weekend, February 17 and 18, there is special collection for the Black, Native American and Hispanic.

The generosity of the good people of God allows the Commission to give helpful grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Catholic communities.

If you wish to support this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Black, Native American & Hispanic" in the memo. Thank you for your generous support.



## Question of the week

**Dear editor, what are the expectations as we begin the Season of Lent?**

Dear reader, as you are probably aware, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday this year falls on February 14, which is also Valentine's Day. Of course, the Christian celebration of Ash Wednesday takes priority over Valentine's Day. **Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.** It ends just before the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. **During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading scripture, we serve by giving alms and we practice self-control through fasting. We are not only called to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.**

Every Friday we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus which is why it is established as a penitential day throughout the whole year. **The season of Lent, especially Fridays of Lent, are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice.** Catholics are strongly encouraged to carry out spiritual exercises such as the Stations of the Cross, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works).

There are two very important forms of penance: fasting and abstinence. **Catholics are obliged to abstain from eating meat; however, they may eat fish.** Fasting means that the faithful are only allowed to eat one full meal during the day. On fast days, the eating of solid foods between meals is prohibited. **Catholics are expected to observe abstinence and fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** They are also encouraged to fast on Holy Saturday. Generally, Abstinence and fasting should be observed on all Fridays, unless that Friday is a Solemnity.

**The law of abstinence binds those who have sufficient use of reason and those who have completed their fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) year of age,** that is, after midnight on the day they celebrate their fourteenth birthday. The law of abstinence binds one's whole life.

The law of fasting binds those who have attained their maturity, that is, after midnight on the day they celebrate their eighteenth birthday. It continues to bind until the beginning of their sixtieth year, that is, until midnight of their fifty-ninth birthday. **Summarily, those between 18 and 60 years old are expected to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

The Church requires that since penance belongs to the Christian life, children, although they are not strictly bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, should be educated in a genuine sense of penance and should even perform acts of penance appropriate to their age and understanding.

The US bishops have maintained Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics, and Fridays during Lent as obligatory days of abstinence. According to the US bishops, **when fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.**

Fasting from Good Friday and if possible, extending to the Easter Vigil as the "paschal fast" is to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

## From the John Walsh Library



### Rooney, Linda Perrone Walking the Disciple's Path (Eight Steps That Will Change Your Life and the World)

As we approach the Lenten season of spiritual renewal, Ms. Rooney, an experienced spiritual director, offers readers an eight-step plan to living as disciples, translating knowledge of Christ into everyday action. She shares the story of God's love and mercy by appealing to our religious imagination, using scripture, poetry, meditations, personal stories, rituals, and reflection questions. When reading a passage from scripture, readers are encouraged to place themselves within the scene and notice what is around them, who else is there, and what they see and hear. They are asked to contemplate what the story means today and what they can do in their own lives to become more Christ-like and follow the path of the first disciples. (Call No. 248.4-ROO)

## Ministry Schedule for February 17 & 18, 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
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Cantors</b>	Bonnie Serio	Bob Slon	Tom Napoli
<b>EMHC</b>	<b>TBD</b> <b>TBD</b>	Margaret Milner Jack Black	Anne LaClair Karen Napoli
<b>Greeters</b>	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	Linda D'Antonio Jerry Healey	Ellen Santora Nancy Willard
<b>Lectors</b>	David Swinson	Ann Grieb	Crissy Picca
<b>Linens</b>	No linen pick up this week		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Sue Dettman	Jane Adams	Laure Barr
<b>Stream Team</b>	John Kosel	Jerry Healey	George Hanley
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>



### Parent & Adult Faith Formation Talk

The next parent and adult faith formation talk will take place on Sunday February 18 at 10am in the Gathering Room. The Topic is: "God's Mercy: Penance and Anointing of the Sick. All are invited.

### Diocesan-wide Day of Penance & Mercy

**Thursday, February 22**

#### Confession Times at St. Paul's:

**9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

**Noon-4:00 p.m.**

**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

### Together in Grief

St. Paul's is blessed to have 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 these hour long meetings, starting at 11:00 AM in the Music Room. This month's meeting will be on February 15th. All are welcome. .





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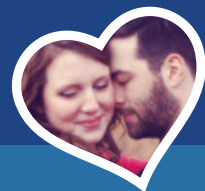
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