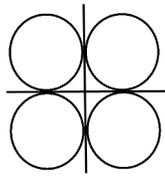


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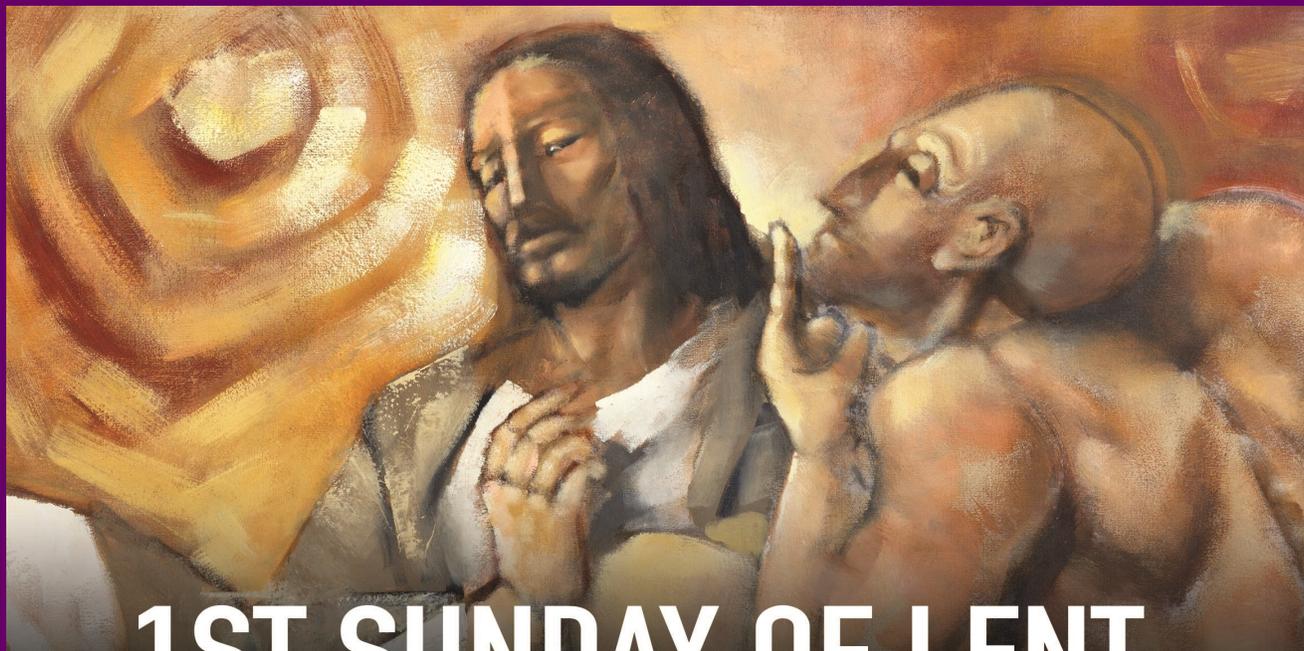


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

February 22, 2026 First Sunday of Lent

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.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

"The tempter approached and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.' He said in reply, 'It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'" Mt 4: 1-4

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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.

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 23

Lenten Weekday

8:30A Mass
6:00P Bible Study

Tuesday, February 24

Lenten Weekday

8:30A Mass with anointing
11:00A Staff mtg.
12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, February 25

Lenten Weekday

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

Thursday, February 26

Lenten Weekday

8:30A Mass
5:30P Lenten Soup Supper
6:30P Adult Faith Talk: "Technology as a Gift & Challenge" presented by Dr. Matthew Kuhner

Friday, February 27

Lenten Weekday

Abstinence

No Mass

Saturday, February 28

Lenten Weekday

Birthday Blessing during Mass

10:00: Funeral team mtg.
2:00P Confession
4:00P Mass

Sunday, March 1

2nd Sunday of Lent

Birthday Blessing during Masses

9:00A Mass-SOR Rite of Enrollment
10:00A Coffee & Donut hour
10:00A SOR classes
10:00A Confirmation Prep class yrs. 1 & 2
11:00A Mass
12:00P Coffee & Donut hr.

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Financial Snapshot

	January 2026	July-January 2026
Collections	\$50,805	\$317,257
Donations/ other revenue	\$4,081	\$35,404
Expenses	\$73,212	\$360,077
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(18,327)	\$(7,417)

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
Matthew Conrad
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Conrad*

Seeds for the Journey



In this first weekend of the Lenten season, we hear how Jesus was led into the desert by the Holy Spirit to prepare for His ministry and His mission of saving us through His suffering, death and resurrection. While in the wilderness Jesus was tested by the devil but He defeated Satan. Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden were tempted by Satan in the form of a serpent. They disobeyed God and accepted the devil's lies and ate from the tree of knowledge. God out of love decided to send His Son Jesus Christ to come and save the humankind through His death on the cross. As indicated in today's Second Reading, Adam's disobedience is nothing compared to the obedience of Jesus Christ. So, we join Jesus in the desert for forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent to seek God's grace to help us overcome the devil and his temptations.

As Christians we are engaged in a spiritual battle between good and evil, St. Peter writes, "Stay alert! Watch out for your enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaming lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are" (1 Peter 5:8-11). Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said, "Satan always tempts the pure. The rest are already his."

Jesus told His disciples that certain evil cannot be driven out except by prayer and fasting. Jesus' statement comes from the account of His healing a demon-possessed boy in Mark 9:29 and Matthew 17:21. His disciples failed to cast out the demon that cause the boy to be mute and convulse. This teaches us that some spiritual obstacles and temptations by the evil one need prayer and fasting to strengthen our faith and dependence on God's grace.

We can take up the shield of faith and trust in the Lord Jesus to help defeat the devil (Ephesians 6:16). And St. James writes, "Submit yourselves then, to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

So Lent is a perfect time to reflect on how to stand firm against the evil with the help of victorious Jesus. We resist the devil with the Word of God in the same way Jesus did in Matthew 4:1-11. We stay alert by persisting in prayer, reciting the Rosary, attending Mass, receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist, Anointing and Confession, acts of charity and Works of Mercy.

For more details, about Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving please refer to Jodie's Seeds article on February 8, 2026 bulletin on page 3.

Fr. Paul



Lent: A time of Preparation

CRS Rice Bowl brings Catholics across the United States together each Lent to respond to global hunger and poverty through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.



Fr. Paul will give a special blessing during Masses next weekend, February 28 & March 1 as we celebrate March birthdays.

Bible Study

Monday, February 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the worship area

It's coffee time

Join us for Coffee & Donut Hour

Sunday, March 1

After the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Good Sam Outreach Lenten Food Drive Week 2 2/28-3/1



Eastern Service Workers

ESW is an organization of low-income workers in areas such as health care, food service, and home aid who struggle to meet their basic needs. One of their many services is a volunteer-run food pantry and they are in need of the following items:

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Ushers Needed

Volunteering as an usher during Mass offers numerous benefits and plays a crucial role in the smooth functioning and welcoming atmosphere at St. Paul's

Before Mass, Ushers are there to provide guidance and answer questions as needed. They also ask for a few parishioners to present our gifts during the offertory, carry the cross in procession. During Mass, they simply observe, provide a count of the attendees, pass the baskets for our offerings and provide guidance as we receive Holy Communion. St. Paul's Ushers follow diocesan guidelines ensure that donations collected during Mass are secure.

Please considering being a part of this very important ministry. We are in desperate need of help at all Masses. If you are interested or have questions about the Usher Ministry, please contact Jodie in the parish office or via email at jodie.hickey@dor.org. We would love to have you as part of our team.

St. Paul's Lenten SOUP Suppers



February 26
March 12
March 26



5:30 p.m. in the church hall

Bring the whole family and your favorite soup, bread or macaroni and cheese to share! Sign up on the bulletin board today!

Adult Faith Formation Programs During & Following the Soup Suppers

Feb. 26 @ 6:30 p.m.:
"Technology as a Gift & Challenge"
Presented by Dr. Matthew Kuhner

March 12 @ 6:30 p.m.:
"Called to be A Priest, King & Prophet" Presented by Scott Rutan

March 26 @ 6:30 p.m.:
Praying & Reflections on Stations of the Cross

Congratulations to St. Paul's 2026 Hands of Christ Award Recipients



Grazie!



Dear Parishioners of St Paul's Church,
On behalf of Fr. Paul and the entire staff here at St. Paul's Webster, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who attended the Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 7. It was a successful event. Your participation made it a great day of bonding, camaraderie and fun. Besides, it was a great opportunity for those preparing for Confirmation take active part in service here at St Paul's and be involved. Your generosity in purchasing raffle tickets and donations also contributed greatly to the event's success. Congrats to all who won raffle baskets.

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus of the Trinity Council, Webster for their generosity, invaluable support of our volunteers and for the delicious meal they prepared. We also thank the Confirmation parents for their assistance during the dinner. Their contributions made a significant difference.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to seeing you at next year's dinner and other future gatherings here at St Paul's. Once again, Thank you!

**Warm regards,
Anselm**



Ministry Schedule for February 28 & March 1, 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
Acolytes	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Cantors	TBD	TBD	TBD
EMHC	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Greeters	Diane Kemp Patrice DeAngelis	Linda D'Antonio Jerry Healey	Anne LaClair Nancy Willard
Lectors	Scott Rutan	Crissy Picca	Jann Armantrout
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Ellen & Don Oinen	Pat Rotundo & Mary Fitch	Sandy Happ
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