

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**February 4, 2024 Fifth 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.



## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

So he went into their  
synagogues, preaching  
and driving out demons  
throughout the whole  
of Galilee. - Mk 1:39

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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.

# Hello February

## Monday, February 5

**St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

8:30A Mass

11:00A Book Club

## Tuesday, February 6

**St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

8:30A Mass with anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

## Wednesday, February 7

**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir rehearsal

## Thursday, February 8

**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

## Friday, February 9

**Weekday**

No Mass

## Saturday, February 10

**St. Scholastica, Virgin**

2:00P Confession

3:30P Confirmation Prep

Service Day

4:00P Mass-Rite of Admittance

5:00P St. Paul's Pasta Dinner

## Sunday, February 11

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**World Day of the Sick**

**World Marriage Day**

**No Confirmation Prep Classes**

9:00A Mass

10:00A SOR classes

10:00A Parent Catechesis Mtg.

11:00A Mass



## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau

**Deacon:** Mark Robbins

**Administrative Asst.:** Jodie Hickey x21

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**Facilities Manager:** Ben O'Brien x28

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## Office Hours

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8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday

(closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)

**Phone:** 671- 2100

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**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org

**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org



## Financial Snapshot

|                              | December 2023 | July-December 2023 |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Collections                  | \$50,158      | \$243,731          |
| Donations/<br>other revenue  | \$5,020       | \$32,285           |
| Expenses                     | \$31,644      | \$255,071          |
| Operating<br>surplus/deficit | \$23,534      | \$20,945           |

## 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  
Carole Olifiers  
From  
Betsey Wheeler*

# Seeds for the Journey

## Every Moment is a Blessing.....Live in the Moment!

On January 20<sup>th</sup> many people gathered around the TV or even went to Highmark Stadium to watch the Buffalo Bills play the Kansas City Chiefs in the AFC Divisional round, in hopes of keeping their Super Bowl dreams alive. Unfortunately, as we watched, we saw history repeated itself with a wide right field goal kick along with a few other mishaps which left us all feeling defeated as we watched the Bills season come to a screeching halt.

After the game, I listened to all the commentary of doom about the mistakes, and the could of, should of, would of. Instead of the negativity, like many people have said, "there is always next year!" In my opinion we need to take the glass half-full approach and count our blessings. Let's face it, the start of their 2023 season was a bit of a rocky one and the mere fact that Buffalo advanced as far as they did to the Divisional round was a blessing. The Spirit was among them, during the game as the Bills were guided through all outstanding plays and touchdowns that they were able to execute.

In each of our lives, we have great moments and some turbulent times, but through it all we rely on our faith. When there are blessings, we thank God and when there are hard times, we seek God. Living in each moment, through the good and the bad, only increases our spiritual life. When we open ourselves to enter a relationship with God, we realize that we are seeking Him in the present moment. When we dwell on the past it hurts us from being in the present moment. Seeking God's healing grace in the present moment, allows the past to disappear in God's mercy.

Prayer surrounds us everywhere! Praying doesn't just happen at home or in places of worship, prayer is present on the football field as well. A great example is the photo below featured in the Catholic Courier of Buffalo Bills chaplain Len Vanden Box kneeling to pray with Tre'Davious White. I encourage you to visit the Catholic Courier website to read Jennifer Burkes article written on November 30, 2023, titled "Buffalo Bills chaplain seeks to draw players, coaches to God." It is a great article that proves that faith is so important in every aspect of life.



*Jodie*



**Welcome Home!**  
**Fr. Paul**

*We are so glad you are back!*

### 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.

**Lenten  
Food Drive**

*Help feed your neighbors in need.*

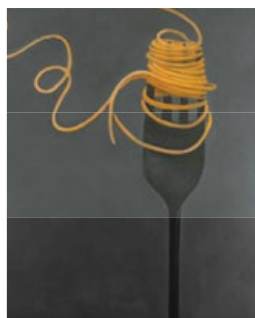
St. Paul's will again conduct our annual Lenten Food Drive to support the many people in our communities who are in need of assistance. We will follow the same procedure as last year, collecting for one recipient per week which will include **Sister Regis Food Cupboard, Eastern Service Workers, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, Webster Hope, Webster Backpack and Williamson Come-Unity Center.** More details to follow in next weekends bulletin. As always thank you for your generous support.



## **St. Paul's Pasta Dinner Fundraiser**

Proceeds benefit St. Paul's Confirmation Program

**Saturday, February 10  
at 5:00 p.m.**



**Dine in or Take  
out!!!**

#### **Tickets:**

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## Question of the week

**Dear editor, what are the precepts of the Catholic Church?**

Dear reader, according to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the Precepts of the Church are set in the context of the moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. These laws are meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in a spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor (n. 2041). The Precepts of the Catholic Church are the description of the absolute minimum actions required of Catholics. When one intentionally violates these precepts including the ten commandments, one commits a mortal sin. The Church uses these precepts to remind us that the Christian life requires a commitment to prayer and active participation in the Liturgy and sacraments.

The First Precept is **"You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation and rest from servile work."** This requires all Catholics to sanctify Sundays and Holy Days of obligation by attending Mass and resting from those works and activities which could impede a sanctification of those days. Of course, if you are ill or attending to an ill child, it is not a grave violation to miss Mass that day.

The Second Precept: **"You shall confess your sins at least once a year."** This ensures preparation for the Eucharist by going to Confession, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.

The Third Precept: **"You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season."** This guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian Liturgy.

The Fourth Precept: **"You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church."** This ensures the times of self-denial and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.

The Fifth Precept: **"You shall provide for the needs of the Church."** This means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to one's own ability.

## From the John Walsh Library

**DeMello, Anthony**  
**The Way to Love**

**(The Last Meditations of  
Anthony DeMello)**

In thirty-one meditations, each preceded by a Gospel quotation, Anthony DeMello implores his readers to break through illusion. It is only when we see the other as he or she really is that we begin to love. We also need to see ourselves without illusion. This is not easy; DeMello declares the most painful act the human can perform is the act of seeing truly, without any distortion. But as we do this, the hard protective shell around our heart will soften, our vision will become clear, and we will know at last what love is. Holiness is not an achievement; it is a grace called awareness. Looking, observing, understanding. In this state, our eyes will see the Savior. Nothing else will matter anymore. (Call No. 242-DEM)



**FUNDRAISING  
NIGHT**

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who went to Panera on January 18th to help St. Paul's "make a little dough."

There were so many people who presented a flyer when purchasing their meal that we lost count. Panera's total sale from St. Paul's was \$1,817.08 because of your dedication to St. Paul's we raised \$454.27 This total was just a few dollars less from what we raised in October of 2023.

We appreciate those who coordinated the event and everyone who attended to represent our parish. St. Paul's Panera Night Fundraiser seems to be a hit. Perhaps we will plan another night in the spring or summer.

## Ministry Schedule for February 10 & 11, 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>    | TBD<br>TBD   | TBD<br>TBD   | TBD<br>TBD   |
| <b>Cantors</b>     | Cindy Rutan  | Elizabeth Randisi                                  | Tom Napoli   |
| <b>EMHC</b>        | Sue Dettman<br>Christine Grant                       | Karen Napoli<br>Trisha DeBacco                     | Gina McNamara<br>Fred Compertore                   |
| <b>Greeters</b>    | Julie Shick<br>Forest Shick                          | DA Hutnick, Barb Rehberg<br>& Izzy Ebertz          | Jean Van Apeldoorn<br>Anne Hauber                  |
| <b>Lectors</b>     | Jann Armantrout                                      | Ethan Navarette                                    | Gina & Larry McNamara                              |
| <b>Linens</b>      | Mary Beth Speicher<br>(no specific time for pick up) |  |  |
| <b>Sacristans</b>  | Sue Dettman  | Jane Adams   | Laure Barr   |
| <b>Stream Team</b> | Rod Campbell   | Sue Muto   | George Hanley                                      |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Sue Dettman<br>Alice Bower                           | <b>Volunteer Needed</b><br><b>Volunteer Needed</b> | <b>Volunteer Needed</b><br><b>Volunteer Needed</b> |



### DID YOU KNOW?

The tax law allows individuals who are 70 ½ and older to make contributions directly from their individual retirement account (IRA) to a qualified charity. These qualified charitable contributions (Charitable Rollovers) are income tax free for the donor. St. Paul Church is a qualified charity for purposes of the charitable rollover rules. Please consult your income tax advisor to see if this might benefit you.







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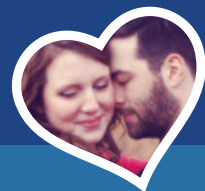
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