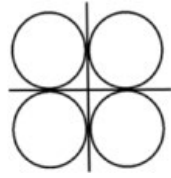


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

January 1, 2023 Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God

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.



MARY, THE HOLY
MOTHER OF GOD

And Mary kept
all these things,
reflecting on them
in her heart. - Lk 2:19

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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.

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 2
Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church
 Parish Office Close
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, January 3
Christmas Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:30P Eucharistic Revival Guest Speaker: Sr. Karen Dietz
Symbols & Community Elements of the Eucharist

Thursday, January 5
St. John Neumann, Bishop
 8:30A Mass
 10:00A Library Committee Mtg.
 7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 6
Christmas Weekday
 No Mass
 9:00A Vac Pac

Saturday, January 7
Christmas Weekday
Parish Book Read Distribution
 10:00A Prayer Shawl
 2:00P Individual Confession
 4:00P Mass

Sunday, January 8
The Epiphany of the Lord
Parish Book Read Distribution
 9:00A Mass
 10:00-11:00A Coffee & Donut Hour
 10:00A SOR classes
 10:00A Confirmation Prep class yr. 1
 11:00A Mass
 12:00P Confirmation Prep class yr. 2
 12:00-1:00P Coffee & Donut Hour

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

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Financial Snapshot

	November 2022	July 2022-November 2022
Collections	\$28,611	\$186,605
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,671	\$36,656
Expenses	\$39,871	\$261,078
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(8,589)	\$(37,817)

Expenses for 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
 Joseph & Helen Leo
 from
 Jeanne Leo & Family*

Seeds for the Journey

In 1991 just before the Time Magazine closed the year with its much-awaited "Man of the Year" issue, it splashed on its cover a picture of Mary. In its cover-story the international magazine which publishes news of global importance, noted: "the woman among all the women who have ever lived, the mother of Jesus is the most celebrated, the most venerated, the most portrayed, the most honored in the naming of girl babies in churches."

On the first day of the year, we are placed under the loving care of this woman, our heavenly mother, Mary. Mary has a unique role to play for our salvation. She gave birth to the Savior. She stood beneath the Cross as Jesus told John, "Behold your mother". She became the mother of humankind. Her role in the work of the Lord did not end with His birth; it just began and continues even now as we call upon her as Mother of God and our mother.

Repeatedly we pray the Hail Mary, "Holy Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death." That is why the rosary is such a powerful prayer. In the rosary we recognize Mary's role in our salvation history. She is Our Lady of the Rosary who appeared to three children, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta in Fatima, Portugal on May 13th, 1917, during the World War and promised peace if people pray the rosary every day. She told them and all of us, "Pray the rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." Today as we celebrate World Day of Prayer for peace; let us ask her to help our world.

For she is the Queen of Peace and the mother to the Prince of Peace. This reminds me about a family that had three children who after school in the evening, their dad asked them what they learned at school. The first born said we "learned about the government." The second said "we learned about the comrades" and the third said we learned about the future. Then their dad told them, "I'm the Government, your mother is the comrade and you children are the future."

They went to sleep full of joy. In the middle of the night the last born started crying. The elder brother woke up, rushed into their parents' bedroom, and shouted, "Hey government and comrade, wake up the future is in trouble." So, when our joy and peace is threatened or when our future is in trouble, we awake in prayer telling the Queen of Peace, "Hey mama our peace is in trouble, tell Jesus to intervene." She will definitely do something to restore the joy and peace.

Pope Paul VI wrote, "Her role as mother leads the people of God to turn with confidence to her who is ever ready to listen with a mother's affection and efficacious assistance." The first miracle at the Cana wedding, Jesus did it because of His mother's request. Let us ask her to pray for us and help us as we make resolutions for the New Year. Wishing you all and your loved ones a happy New Year filled with peace, love, hope and good health.

Fr. Paul



Goodbye & Thank You!

After 25 years of working at St. Paul's, our Business Manager Robin Martz is retiring on January 3rd.

We would like to thank Robin for her hard work, dedication and genuine care for the staff and our parish family. Her wit and wisdom and of course peppermint patties will certainly be missed by all of us.

Robin, we wish you good health and much happiness in your new journey in life. Congratulations on your retirement. You will be missed!



2022 Donation Statements

Due to diocesan guidelines, we will be sending 2022 donation statements to all who have made donations this year. We have to have them out by January 31 and hopefully much sooner – we are working to get all the envelope data entered and as soon as that is all done we can run the statements. So if you made a donation in 2022, you will receive a statement. Thank you!

Welcome

Let us welcome our new Business Manager, Kasey Baker who has been working alongside of Robin for a few weeks now. Kasey is looking forward to getting to know and meet everyone in the coming months. Welcome to St. Paul's Kasey!

**HAVE A
BLESSED
2023!**

Adult Faith Formation Activities

There are many programs for adult faith to enrich your spiritual life in the new year. There is a wide variety of activities, day and night, for all interest levels. We hope you can join us in deepening your faith and spiritual life.

Eucharistic Revival Speaker



The celebration of the Eucharist is at its heart a community event. Praying with others is essential to our Christian identity. Remember the first celebration was a meal

shared by Jesus and His disciples, even His betrayer. We come to the Eucharist as sinners; ordinary people sharing in a most extraordinary experience of spiritual nourishment. We bump elbows with friends and strangers as we approach the altar. Please join Sr. Karen Dietz on January 4th at 6:30 pm to explore this more deeply.

Together in Grief

St. Paul's bereavement group, *Together in Grief*, welcomes all who have suffered a loss and are looking for group support. This group meets the third Thursday of each month to bond, heal, and discuss a variety of topics related to the loss of a loved one. All are invited, parishioners and non-parishioners alike. This month the meeting will be on Thursday, January 19th at 11:00 am. The topic is *Feeling Your Loved Ones Presence After Death*.

Rosary Group

St. Paul's Rosary group meets twice a month to recite the rosary at 12:00 noon. Many people who have never said the rosary have joined this group and enjoy praying it in a group setting.

We welcome all levels and people from outside parishes as well. Our January prayer sessions will be on January 10th and January 24th in the worship space.

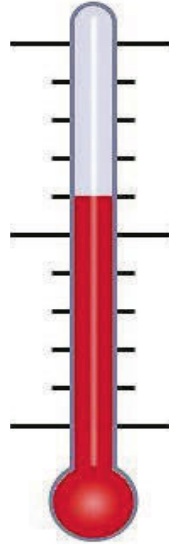


Coffee and Catholicism

The Coffee and Catholicism group meets once a month to discuss a variety of topics related to our faith. This year we will continue watching *The Chosen* series and have a discussion afterwards related to the episode. On January 31st at 9:15 am we will be watching Season 1, Episode 4, *The Rock On Which It Is Built*. Even if you haven't watched any of the previous episodes, we encourage you to attend. The story follows the Gospels so you are able to pick up where we left off.

Adult Faith Formation Committee

All Adult Faith Formation Programs are planned with the help of parishioners. Join us on Sunday, January 29th from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. to plan upcoming events for the new year. If you build it, it will come!



Goal
\$105,000

Pledged
\$65,319

62.21%
of our goal

Prayer for the New Year

Give us the kindness to hear with compassion,
to offer support,
loving comfort, and care.

Give us the courage to do what is needed,
the wisdom to choose
what is right and fair.

Give us the vision to see what is possible.

Give us the faith
that will help pave the way
for a present that is hopeful,
a future that is peaceful—

Give us a heart to bring joy to each day.



From the John Walsh Library

McCauley, Michael, ed The Jesus Book

Over the past 2,000 years, Jesus has been portrayed in a variety of ways in art, literature, music, and architecture. His influence in every age and every culture is enormous. In this diverse collection, Mr. McCauley has compiled some of these many faces of Jesus—over 500 quotations and 100 photos. He makes no judgment about the merits or shortcomings of any of the entries. He sees each one as that person's attempt to illustrate who Jesus was. After all, Jesus was often misunderstood even in His own time and by His own friends and kinfolk. To reduce Him to only one acceptable image is to deny His complexity, and to reduce his personhood to one dimension. (Call No. 232-JES)



Coffee & Donut Hour

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Jambo Java Café on Sunday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and a bonus coffee hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!



When families struggle to clothe their children with warm coats in the winter, Knights of Columbus councils in the US & Canada step up and help meet this basic need with the "Coats for Kids" program.

This year, with generous donations from membership, local residents, organizations and area business, Trinity Council #4618, of Webster, raised enough money to purchase **47** dozen, **564**, NEW children's winter coats. Our 11 year total has now reached 3096 coats given to children in need in Monroe & Wayne Counties.

THANK YOU from the Webster Knights of Columbus to all who made a donation to this charitable program.

Ministry Schedule for January 7 & 8

Due to this bulletin being sent to press early, we are still in the process of finding volunteers. If you are available to serve please contact the coordinator in your ministry. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Cantors	TBD	TBD	TBD
EMHC	Sue Dettman Bob Frank	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Gina McNamara Volunteer Needed
Greeters	Forest Shick Julie Shick	Pat Amedeo Jack Black	Nancy Willard Anne LaClair
Lectors	Linda Pratt	Scott Rutan	Marcia Kusse
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	TBD	TBD	TBD
Stream Team	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

Giving Options

Drop your offering in the donation box or slot as you leave church.

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