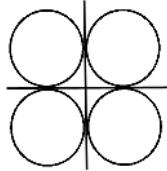


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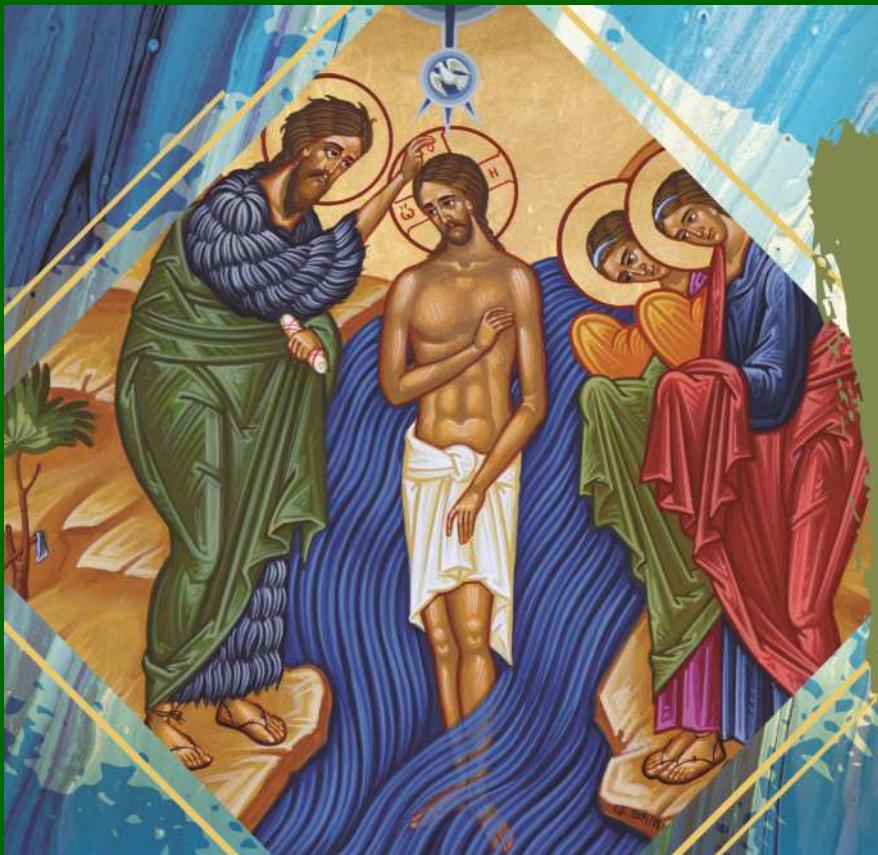


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January 11, 2026 The Baptism of the Lord

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.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well
pleased." - Mt 3:17

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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, January 12
Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)
 8:30A Mass
 6:00P Bible Study

Tuesday, January 13
Weekday
 8:30A Mass with anointing
 11:00A Staff mtg.
 12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, January 14
Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00P Choir rehearsal
 7:00P Good Sam Outreach mtg.

Thursday, January 15
Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 11:00A Together in Grief mtg.
 6:00P Adult Faith Formation Talk: "Technology as a Gift & a Challenge" presented by Dr. Matthew Kuhner

Friday, January 16
Weekday
 8:30A Vac Pac

Saturday, January 17
St. Anthony, Abbot
 10:00A Prayer Shawl mtg.
 10:00A Memorial Mass
 2:00P Confession
 4:00P Mass-choir sings

Sunday, January 18
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00A Mass
 11:00A Mass



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Financial Snapshot

	November 2025	July-November 2025
Collections	\$28,959	\$190,767
Donations/other revenue	\$10,195	\$22,601
Expenses	\$33,683	\$225,959
Operating surplus/deficit	\$5,471	\$(12,591)

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
 the parishioners of
 St. Paul's*

Seeds for the Journey



This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and marks the end of Christmas season. We start the Ordinary Time of our Liturgical calendar as well as a new calendar year. Now as we think of New Year's resolutions, where will you be searching for happiness and fulfilment? Jesus poses this question to John's disciples in the Gospel John 1:38, What are you looking for? It is a question many of us ask ourselves, especially at the beginning of the new year.

When making New Year's resolutions, some of us forget about making any that will improve our relationship with God and help carry us into God's heavenly kingdom. We often have good intentions to lose weight through exercise and diet, get enough sleep, learn a new skill or hobby, managing money, give back by volunteering, reach out to family and friends regularly, reduce waste by buying less plastic, donate to St. Paul's Box clothes we don't wear etc. These are all good, but they will leave a vacuum and hunger for something more. These may offer temporary satisfaction, but they don't fill the inmost desire of our heart. St. Augustine had said, "Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

So, our New Year's resolutions should include the important piece of improving our relationship with our Lord. And we know as we grow closer to Jesus, it becomes easier to share His love with others. This can happen through our own testimony of prayers answered or by inviting someone to attend Mass, recite the rosary or do works of mercy and acts of charity. As we try New Year's resolutions, we will meet some challenges and struggles. The best thing is to offer them to the Lord and ask Him to help us not to fear future failures but to try living here and now by God's grace.

Fr. Paul

Adult Faith Formation Save the Date



ST. BERNARD'S
ON THE ROAD

Technology as Gift and Challenge:
How to Engage Technology
Thoughtfully and Prayerfully

presented by Matthew Kuhner, Ph.D.

Thursday, January 15th, 2026
6:00pm

St. Paul's Church
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For questions related to this event, please contact:
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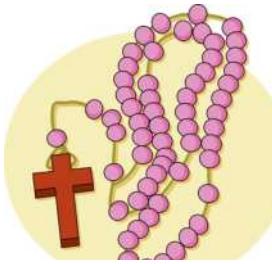
Together in Grief

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 15th at 11:00 a.m. in the music room.



Rosary Group

St. Paul's Rosary group will meets every Tuesday at Noon. In the worship area. 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.



St. Paul's 3rd Annual Pasta Dinner



Dear parishioners,

The Confirmation Program, in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus and the Parish Pastoral Council, is organizing the annual Parish Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 7th at 5:00 p.m. following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. This Pasta dinner is geared towards community building, inviting our family members friends to celebrate with us here at St Paul's and also towards getting those preparing for Confirmation and some of our teens more involved in parish life. It is also one of our big fundraising events here at St Paul's this year. To this effect, we wish to invite you all to join us for the dinner. It is our hope that you come as a family. Let that Saturday evening dinner be eaten here at St Paul's. If you want to help us in one way or another, you can contact me or Helen. **Tickets will be sold after the Masses on Saturday, January 24th, Sunday, January 25th, Saturday, January 31st and Sunday, February 1st. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids 10 and under.**

For teens and other young adults who are not part of the Confirmation program but want to help, kindly contact me. During the dinner we shall have a raffle draw. We are grateful to the various ministries and school of religion classes for preparing the raffle baskets you can win on that day. We shall also have light music; it'll be an evening of great camaraderie. If you also want to advertise a business, we are doing placemats at \$10 per slot. Kindly contact me by the end of January. Please, we greatly depend on you for it to be successful. Reserve that time for St Paul's. The Confirmation candidates are ready to serve you dinner on February 7th. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you in advance,
Anselm

Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: When the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

When Jesus Wades In

Usually, when God comes to us, we aren't ready.

We think we are. Like John the Baptist, we stand in our waters of baptism, certain of our mission. We know how it's going to go. We know what's going to be asked of us. We're sure of it.

Christ wades into the waters. And he screws up all our plans.

To be clear, I don't think John the Baptist lacks faith when he balks at the idea of baptizing Jesus. I think it is, in fact, a testament to his humility. But whatever motivated John's actions, he is — if even for a brief moment — hesitating to do the will of God. Just a few chapters after this in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus will acknowledge that John is the greatest person "born of women" — with the caveat that even he is not perfect enough for the Kingdom of Heaven. Not yet.

Jesus didn't give John an explanation as the two stood in the River Jordan. He merely said, "Allow it for now." John could have resisted further, demanding to understand why. He could have grown suspicious at the simplicity of Jesus' answer, at the strangeness of this request. He could have clung desperately to his version of How Things Are Supposed To Be, and in doing so, fostered doubt in his heart. He could have even stormed off, confused and angry.

He did none of these things, because John is, as Jesus says, the greatest born of women.

When the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

Thank You & All the Best!



We extend our warmest and most heartfelt congratulations to Joan Sullivan, our esteemed Regional Finance Director, as she begins her well-earned retirement.

Joan, for more than a decade you have offered unwavering dedication, steady guidance, and exceptional expertise—not only to St. Paul's Church, but to all four Webster and Irondequoit parishes. Your leadership has shaped our communities in ways that will be felt for many years to come.

From your meticulous work on annual parish financial reports to your daily collaboration with staff and volunteers, you have served with grace, professionalism, and a genuine commitment to our mission. We are profoundly grateful for the care and excellence you have brought to every task.

Thank you, Joan, for everything. We wish you joy, fulfillment, and every blessing in this next chapter of life. All our best to you!

Blessing for Baptismal Graces



*Dear God,
Through Baptism, You called and
claimed us as Your own, chosen
and loved.*

*Pour Your blessing upon us as we
remember our Baptism.
Plant Your identity in our hearts.
Help us to live as Your beloved.
Amen!*

Rochester Hope January Wish List

**Peanut butter, sugar, socks, gloves, mittens,
diapers sizes 3,4,5 & 6, toothpaste, bar soap & tooth-
brushes (individually wrapped)**

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.

Ministry Schedule for January 17 & 18, 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	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Luca Picca Volunteer Needed	Lucy Rynkiewicz Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Bonnie Serio	Bob Slon	Elizabeth Randisi
EMHC	Don Oinen Sue Dettman	Jack Black Volunteer Needed	Cindy Ottina Gina McNamara
Greeters	Diana Kemp Patrice DeAngelis	Jack Black Barb Rehberg	Jean Van Apeldoorn Nancy Willard
Lectors	Barb Meyer	Josephine Cozzo	Larry & Gina McNamara
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Sue Dettman	DA Hutnick	Laure Barr
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Sue Muto	George Hanley
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Dan Milner Don Black	Charlie & Nancy Carson Dallas & Joanne Miller

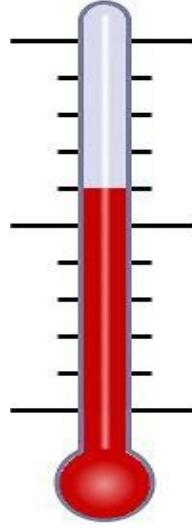
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A photograph of a person's hand holding a black pen over a clipboard. The clipboard has a white sheet of paper with a business card printed on it. The card features the text 'LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS', 'Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!',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

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