

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

January 15, 2023 Second 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.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin
of the world." - Jn 1:29

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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 16

Weekday

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Parish Office Closed
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

8:30A Mass
 12:00P Rosary Group
 7:00P Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.

Wednesday, January 18

Weekday

8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 19

Weekday

8:30A Mass
 11:00A Together in Grief

Friday, January 20

Weekday

No Mass
 10:00A Library Workday

Saturday, January 21

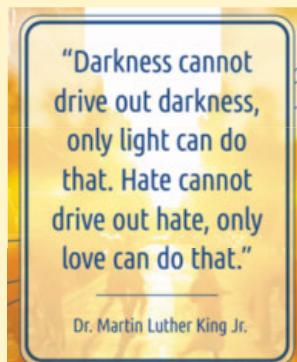
St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

10:00A Prayer Shawl Mtg.
 2:00P Individual Confession
 4:00P Mass
 5:00P Confirmation Prep class year 2

Sunday, January 22

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00A Mass
 10:00A SOR classes
 10:00A Confirmation Prep class yr. 1
 11:00A Mass-choir sings during Mass



Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Paul Gitau
Deacon: Mark Robbins
Administrative Asst.: Jodie Hickey x21
Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: Katie Van Damme x24
Business Manager: Kasey Baker x30
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Coordinator of SOR & Facilities Cleaning: Helen Stirpe x25 or 671-2110
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Office Hours

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
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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
 all the parishioners
 of St. Paul's*

Seeds for the Journey

I remember the first time I laid eyes on my husband Leo. It was 7th grade religion class. I called him "Leo, with the sea-green-eyes". Perhaps it was his 1980's mullet hairstyle that I found irresistible. Or the fact that I was still taller than him at that point. Or maybe it was the peach fuzz mustache that was starting to come in. Whatever the appeal, I knew I wanted to get to know him. I wanted to hear about his life, his likes, and his interests. I wanted to know what his favorite activities were, and I wanted to enjoy some of those activities with him (well, if my parents could drive me there). I desired to learn all I could about this thirteen-year-old with the sea-green-eyes.

Do you remember a time when you desired to know someone so completely? The time you spent together seemed to fly by as you got to know each other. There are people that you feel a great connection to, and you want to be with them, talk with them, eat with them, and celebrate life's great moments with them. Yet this connection is deeper than positive moments. You desire to know their weaknesses, their heartbreak, their struggles. You want to know everything, good and bad, about them.

This intimate relationship is not only meant for humankind. It is also God's desire to have this connection with each one of us. He wants us to come to Him with our ambitions, needs, and wants. He longs to have this intimate, personal connection with us. We were created to be in a relationship with Him. No other creature on earth can be this intimately connected to God as us.

To build a relationship with someone you must get to know them, and they you. Now well do you know God? Is this a relationship of convenience, or one where you long to get to know Him and in return, let Him into the depths of your heart? Do you know His desires, wants, and needs? Do you know what saddens Him or brings Him joy? What steps are you taking to build this deep, soulful connection with your Papa?

This new year, make a resolution to get to know your Father, your Creator, on a deeper level. Walk with Him. Talk to Him. Dine with Him. Cry with Him. Let Him into the depths of your heart and soon, you will really and truly know a love like no other.

Katie

Remembering Pope Benedict XVI: A Synopsis of His Life, Thoughts and Works Part 2



As we indicated in the first part of this series, Pope Benedict was a great scholar. He was a genuine intellectual par excellence even before he became Pope. He has greatly contributed to the development of doctrine and to the wealth of theological reflection we have. But importantly, through his writings, the now late Pope has brought us closer to Jesus, has given us deeper insights into understanding the person, life and ministry of Jesus, the

Son of God, the second person of the Trinity. We shall not pretend to cover all or talk about everything he wrote. However, we shall highlight a few teaching aspects that can give us a deeper insight into who Benedict was and that which can help grow our theological knowledge, and consequently help our faith in God.

As Pope, Benedict XVI wrote three encyclical letters. An encyclical is a letter written by the Pope to the Church as a whole or to a particular Church. It expresses the Pope's ordinary teaching authority. The three encyclicals include: *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love), published on December 25, 2005; *Spe Salvi* (Saved by Hope), published on November 30, 2007; *Caritas in Veritate* (The Truth in Charity), published on June 29, 2009.

Less than one year into his Pontificate, Pope Benedict published his first encyclical letter, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love) on Christmas Day of 2005. How fitting! Writing his first encyclical on love was intentional. Pope Benedict writes "I wish in my first encyclical to speak of the love which God lavished upon us and which we in turn must share with others." This great work on love reflects on God as the author of love and our response to that love. It is God who always takes the initiative when we love. Our loving is seen in the way we treat one another in society. It is seen in the way we show love to one another in the community. The encyclical is divided into two parts and has 42 paragraph numbers.

The encyclical begins with a reflection on the forms of love as seen in Greek philosophy and their relationship to the teachings of Christ. For the Greeks, the word 'love' has different forms: eros (possessive, often sexual love), philia (friendship), and agape (unconditional, self-sacrificing love). According to Pope Benedict XVI, everything we do in the Church is an expression of love that seeks our integral good. Jesus Christ is the incarnate love of God. Thomas Aquinas defines love as effectively willing the good of another.

This is exemplified by Jesus. In him, Love reaches its most radical form through his death on the Cross. This love has an enduring present in the Eucharist. The Eucharistic sacrifice perpetuates Christ's sacrifice on the cross. When we participate in the Eucharist, we too are involved in the dynamic of self-giving. We become united with Jesus and together with others in the community, we all become one body. In this way, love of neighbor and love of God are truly united. If we truly love God, then we must love our brothers and sisters in the community.

To Be Continued next week

2022 Donation Statements

Due to diocesan guidelines, we will be sending 2022 contribution statements to all who have made donations this year. We are required to mail 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!

Together in Grief

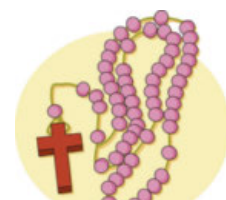
St. Paul's bereavement group, *Together in Grief*, welcomes all who have suffered a loss and are looking for group support. This group meets the third Thursday of each month to bond, heal, and discuss a variety of topics related to the loss of a loved one. All are invited, parishioners and non-parishioners 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*.

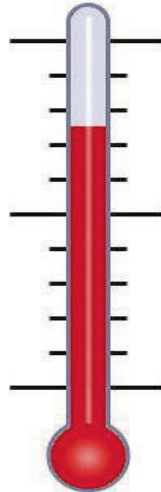
Monday, January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

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

Rosary Group

St. Paul's Rosary group will meet at Noon on Tuesday, January 24th in the worship space. 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.





Goal
\$105,000

Pledged
\$81,814

77.92%
of our goal

From the John Walsh Library

Curran, Charles E. Faithful Dissent

Father John Walsh, our late founding pastor, enjoyed many types of reading, including books on spirituality and theology. He appreciated the insights of Charles Curran, an eminent Catholic moral theologian. In this book, Father Curran gives both the historical record and his own interpretation of his dispute with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith over the legitimacy of theological and practical dissent from noninfallible hierarchical teaching on a number of issues, including sexual ethics. The first part includes his commentary and theological analysis of all that was involved. The second part is documentary and includes all the correspondence between the Congregation and himself. On the basis of this documentation, readers will be able to make their own judgments about the controversy. (Call No. 262.8-CUR)

Thank You!

To all at St. Paul's Church,
Thank you for your donation of food for our food pantry.
We appreciate all you have done to support this ministry.
We could not continue without support such as yours!

Sincerely,
Webster Hope

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Bethany House January Wish List

Laundry detergent
Garbage bags (33 gal.& 13 gal.)*
Clorox wipes*
Floor cleaner
All purpose cleaner
Stapler & staples*
Clear tape
Ice melt*
No. 10 envelopes
Stamps
Canned food
Peanut butter
Cereal
Size 6 diapers
Baby wipes
Baby food*
Baby formula*
Coffee filters (basket shape – 12cup)*
Dry Erase Markers*

* indicates a great need for that item

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parishes. Inspire men to imitate Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church.

Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Send them as labors for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice.

Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call.
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us.
St. John Fisher, pray for us.
St. John Vianney, pray for us.

Ministry Schedule for January 21 & 22

If you are not available to serve in your ministry, please find a substitute.
Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	Jackson Bernier, Morgan Tara, Elliott Johnson, Andrew Rosa & Nick Johnson	Charlotte Brunswick Josh Tara	Lucy Rynkiewicz Katie Yuskiw Chris Yuskiw
Cantors	Tom Napoli	Elizabeth Randisi	Bonnie Serio
EMHC	Sue Dettman Bob Frank	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Karen Napoli Ellen Santora
Greeters	Bill Galbraith Diana Kemp	Linda D'Antonio Jerry Healey	Jean Van Apeldoorn Anne LaClair
Lectors	TBD	TBD	TBD
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Irene Dragt	Jane Adams	Sharyn LiPari
Stream Team	John Kosel	Tom Napoli	George Hanley
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

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