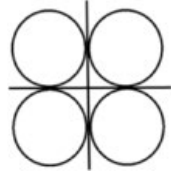


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**January 21, 2024 Third 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.



## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
- Mk 1:17

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### Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Daily Masses

No daily Mass January 10 through  
February 2

### Confession

Saturday at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

No Adoration January 10 through  
February 2

### Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Monday, January 22**

**Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Unborn Children**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, January 23**

**Weekday**  
No Mass  
12:00P Rosary Group

**Wednesday, January 24**

**St. Francis de Sales, Bishop,  
Religious Founder & Doctor**  
No Mass  
No Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
7:00P Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, January 25**

**The Conversion of St. Paul,  
Apostle**  
No Mass

**Friday, January 26**

**St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops**  
No Mass

**Saturday, January 27**

**Weekday**  
Pasta Dinner ticket sales after  
Mass  
2:00P Confession  
4:00P Mass-choir sings

**Sunday, January 28**

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
National Catholic Schools Week  
begins**  
Pasta Dinner ticket sales after  
both Masses  
9:00A Mass-choir sings  
10:00A SOR classes  
10:00A Parent Sacrament mtg.  
10:00A Confirmation Prep yrs.  
1 & 2  
11:00A Mass

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**Office Hours**

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday  
(closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)

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**Financial Snapshot**

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

**Let Us Pray  
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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  
all the parishioners  
of St. Paul's*

# Seeds for the Journey

## Ignorance of the Scriptures is Ignorance of Christ

On this third Sunday of Ordinary Time, we celebrate the Word of God Sunday. This celebration was established by Pope Francis in 2019 through the Apostolic Letter issued *Motu Proprio Aperuit Illis Instituting Sunday of the Word of God*. It is a new celebration in the Church. Pope Francis instituted this celebration so as to “appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people” (*Aperuit Illis* n. 2). The Pope declared that the “Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (today) is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This *Sunday of the Word of God* will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity” (*Aperuit Illis* n. 3). This celebration falls within the week of prayer for Christian unity. In John’s Gospel, our Blessed Lord prayed for unity among his disciples (Cf. Jn 17:20-21).

This celebration calls on us to have a deeper love and devotion to sacred scriptures. The Sacred Scriptures are the Word of God, written under the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit. St Jerome is well known for saying that “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” We have to be more intentional in our approach to the scripture. This begins by each family owning a Bible. For us to have a closer relationship with God and to know God more, we need to read the scriptures. We are greatly encouraged to read the Bible daily, maybe a couple of verses a day; we can also pray with the Bible especially the psalms. We can also pray the Liturgy of the Hours (Deacon Mark is writing a special article on this). We can also access the Bible via the internet. However, we should be vigilant. Not every version of the Bible is approved for Catholic use. For printed copies, I strongly recommend the New American Bible, the Jerusalem Bible, the New Revised Standard Version. For the online version I recommend the Bible version in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website [usccb.org/bible](https://www.usccb.org/bible) Books of the Bible | USCCB.

The Second Vatican Council calls on us to venerate the Word of God being proclaimed during Mass as we venerate the Eucharist (*Dei Verbum* n. 21). It is important that when the readings are being proclaimed during Mass, we should pay close attention and should neither walk nor talk during the readings. We should listen attentively for God is speaking to us through the Lector. In the Liturgy of the Word, the Church feeds us from the Table of God’s Word – the ambo (Cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* n. 51). In the Scriptures, God speaks to us leading us along the path to salvation. The proclamation of the readings during Mass is not simply to give out information; it is an opportunity to encounter God, especially the Gospel reading. The Word of God ultimately is a person, Jesus. Jesus is God’s Word that dwelt among us. It is very important therefore to have a special devotion and honor to the scriptures. Let us make the Word of God part of our lives daily. We also wish to encourage more people to sign up to be Lectors. A Lector is one who proclaims the Word of God to the assembly during the Liturgy.

Anselm





*This weekend we extend a warm  
St. Paul's welcome to:  
Fr. Al Delmonte &  
Fr. Dan Holland*

### Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series



Mark your calendar and join us on Thursday, February 1st at 6:30 p.m. as we welcome Dr. Matthew Kuhner to present "Confession and Repentance - Our Misery Healed by God's Mercy." Dr. Kuhner is the Vice President and Academic Dean at St. Bernard's School, as well as an Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology. Registration is not necessary. Those who attend will also receive a copy of the book "Beautiful Eucharist" by Matthew Kelly.

*Faith & Fellowship*

*"To grow together..."*

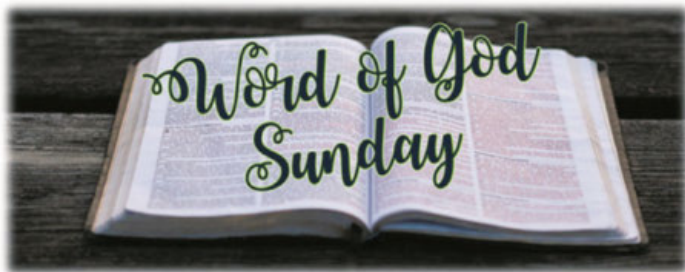
*Join us for Coffee Hour!*



**Sunday, February 4 after Mass**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**12:00 p.m.**

## Contribution Statements

Statements for 2023 donations have been mailed. If you did not receive yours, or have any questions, please contact Kasey in the office at 671-2100 x30 or via email at kasey.baker@dor.org.



## St. Paul's Pasta Dinner

### Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Proceeds to benefit St. Paul's Confirmation Program

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



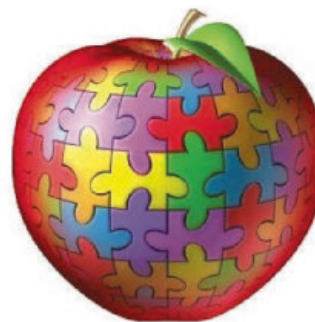
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**Tickets will be sold after Masses on  
the weekends of January 20-21,  
January 27 & 28 & February 3 & 4**

### Apples for Autism



Hello! My name is Michael Prentice and I am a senior at Wayne High School and a lifelong member of St. Paul's Church. For my senior project, I started a program called Apples for Autism. I would like to raise money for autism research. Wegmans has generously donated a variety of apple products (apples, apple sauce, apple pie, candy apples, etc.) that will be sold downstairs during Coffee and Donut hour on February 4th. If you'd like to support a great cause and have a tasty treat, please join me on the 4th. Thank You!

## 2024 Sacrament of Confirmation Date

Our year 2 Confirmation candidates this year will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Matano on Wednesday May 1, 2024, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. Kindly pray for these young men and women as they prepare for this great milestone in their faith journey and in their lives.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration,  
Anselm

## A Prayer for Sunday of the Word of God

O Word that shapes our liturgies and litanies,  
May we see you not as a dusty tome  
But as a living invitation to an ongoing conversation.  
O God who comes to us in sacred story,  
May we find our own stories within your pages.  
O Word that illuminates our darkness,  
May we carry your light into the world.  
O God who speaks into silence,  
May we rest in the comfort of your voice.  
O Word made flesh who dwells among us,  
May we sense your presence with us on the road to Emmaus.  
And when our hearts burn within us,  
May we not only hear your Word, but speak it with our lives.  
Amen.

— Cameron Bellm

## Webster Hope January Wish List

Cooking oil, pasta sauce in jars, hearty soups and stews, oatmeal (instant and regular), coffee, hot chocolate, ketchup, taco kits, lotion and laundry detergent

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.

## From the John Walsh Library



**Sherry, Mary Kavanagh**

### Sometimes I Haven't Got a Prayer (And Other "Real" Catholic Adventures)

In this highly readable book, Mary K. Sherry uses personal anecdotes to illustrate thoughtful insights into the rituals and beliefs of Catholicism. She uses everyday dilemmas—wondering if "Danny Boy" is appropriate to be sung at a funeral, worrying about whether she took the meat out of the freezer when she is supposed to be praying—to present a candid, humorous but loving reflection of what it means to be a Catholic in today's world. She has a profound respect for her experience as a Catholic while recognizing that her children's generation will receive the grace they need to use that legacy appropriately for their own spiritual growth.

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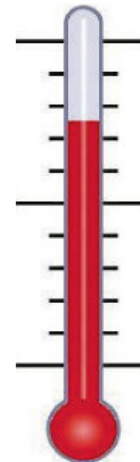
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## Ministry Schedule for January 27 & 28, 2023

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>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Lucy Rynkiewicz <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Cantors</b>	Cindy Rutan	Elizabeth Randisi	Tom Napoli
<b>EMHC</b>	Sue Dettman <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Josephine Cozzo <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Anne LaClair Karen Napoli
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> Patrice DeAngelis	Cory Volo Jeanne Leo	Ellen Santora Nancy Willard
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Linens</b>	Margie Cress (No specific time for pick up)		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Irene Dragt	Turner Family	Sandy Happ
<b>Stream Team</b>	Rod Campbell	Jerry Healey	Chris Yuskiw
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>

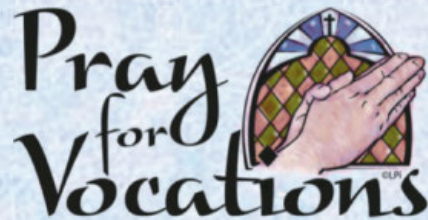


The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is planned for February 23-25, 2024 at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY.

The WWME weekend teaches communication techniques such as active listening, listening with the heart and empathy towards your spouse's feelings. It is based on the sacrament of Holy Matrimony and expresses the importance of love in the union and encourages this love be taken out into the world in various ministries to serve God by strengthening the couples and families in the church.

The Marriage Encounter gives busy couples much needed time together to focus on each other and deepen their communication. After the Experience, couples often return to their life and families refreshed with renewed commitment to each other.

Application fee is \$100. For more information, contact Mike and Kathy Williams Applications@wwme-wny.org or 585-872-5432. Register online at wwme.org.



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Mary Immaculate, pray for us.  
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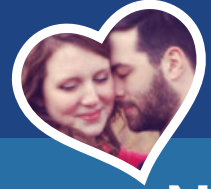
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