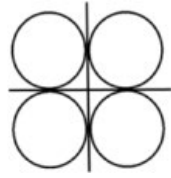


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

January 22, 2023 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.



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.



Monday, January 23
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 8:30A Mass
 11:00 Book Club

Tuesday, January 24
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 8:30A Mass
 11:00A Staff Mtg.
 12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, January 25
Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 26
Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops
 8:30A Mass

Friday, January 27
Weekday
 No Mass

Saturday, January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 2:00P Individual Confession
 4:00P Mass-First Holy Communion during Mass

Sunday, January 29
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00A Mass-choir sings during Mass
 10:00A SOR Classes
 10:00A Confirmation Prep class yr. 1
 10:00A Adult Faith Formation Committee Mtg.
 11:00A Mass
 12:00P Confirmation Prep year 2
 1:00P SOR Parent Sacrament Mtg.

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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)

The figures for the Financial Snapshot will be updated next weekend.



This week the flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of Bud Straube from Rose Mary & family



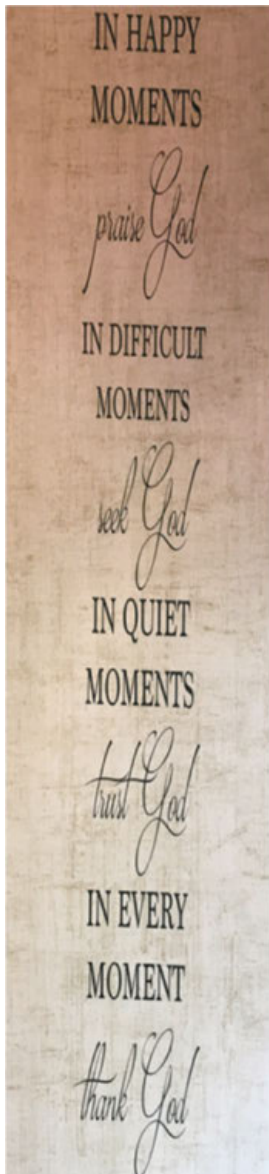
This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Bud Straube from Rose Mary & family

Seeds for the Journey

A New Year can bring a spark to renew our Christian habits.

I am always reading, listening, and watching for continued spiritual direction in my life I can't get enough!

A canvas print that hangs on my wall is a nice visual example.



Psalm 135:3 "Praise the Lord; the Lord is good! Sing to God's name; it is gracious!"

Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Psalm 62:9 "Trust God at all times, my people! Pour out your hearts to God our refuge!"

Psalm 107:8-9 "Let them thank the Lord for such kindness, such wondrous deeds for mere mortals. For He satisfied the thirsty, filled the hungry with good things."

It's never too early or too late to have that spark! It can happen anytime.

Helen

Remembering Pope Benedict XVI: A Synopsis of His Life, Thoughts and Works Part 3

In the second part of this series, we talked about the encyclicals written by Pope Benedict XVI: *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. Our focus was on *Deus Caritas Est*, which was the first encyclical he wrote after assuming the papacy in 2005. The key point was that Christ is the incarnate love of God. This love reaches its most radical form through Christ's death on the cross.

Today we shall turn our attention to the encyclical to *Spe Salvi* (Saved by Hope). Hope is one of the three theological virtues. This encyclical takes its title from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans. The Apostle to the Gentiles, Paul, wrote: "in hope we are saved" (Rom 8:24). According to Pope Benedict XVI, this message is also addressed to us. We are saved by our hope in our God who saves. Our God who loves us so much that God became man, suffered and died for us. By Christ's death on the cross on Mount Calvary, Christ won Redemption for us. However, Pope Benedict writes "redemption"—salvation—is not simply a given. Redemption is offered to us in the sense that we have been given hope, trustworthy hope, by virtue of which we can face our present: the present, even if it is arduous, can be lived and accepted if it leads towards a goal, if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey." For Pope Benedict, the concept of hope is not lacking in our time but is misplaced. We cannot properly contemplate hope without reference to the Cross. Yet, the modern Christian seeks a 'cross-less' Christianity. A journey of faith without pain, suffering and sacrifice. During his life here on earth, Christ told his disciples to take up their cross daily and follow him.

For Pope Benedict XVI, faith is hope, 'hope is equivalent to faith.' According to him, the distinguishing mark of Christians is that they have to endure; we have to endure without losing hope, having faith in the one who saves, knowing that our lives will not end in emptiness. Just recently, we had to endure the pain caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Our hope for a light at the end of the tunnel kept many going because of our faith. Of course, when Pope Benedict was writing this encyclical, he had no idea that there shall be a deadly pandemic caused by Covid. Pope Benedict uses the example of the African saint, St Josephine Bakhita, canonized by Pope Saint John Paul II. Benedict XVI portrays her as our contemporary model of hope. As Benedict said, the hope she had was "not just hope of finding masters who would be less cruel, but the great hope: 'I am definitively loved and whatever happens to me—I am awaited by this Love.

And so my life is good.' Through the knowledge of this hope, she was "redeemed", no longer a slave, but a free child of God. She understood what Paul meant when he reminded the Ephesians that previously they were without hope and without God in the world—without hope *because* without God." It is hope born out of a deep and personal encounter with Jesus that kept her going. It is the hope that 'redeemed' her and which she strove to share with many.

In *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict makes it clear that hope should not be individualistic. Rather, we must care for the wellbeing of every member of the community. In a community like ours here at St Paul in Webster, we must care for ALL. We must stand with those who are suffering. We must fill them with hope that their pain and suffering will not end in emptiness, for when we suffer, God suffers with us. We are not left alone in our pain and suffering. Christ offers salvation for all. Pope Benedict XVI talks about communal salvation. We are to help one another on this journey of faith. We also have to ensure and create a just society. A world which has to create its own justice is a world without hope." The capacity to accept suffering for the sake of goodness, truth and justice is an essential criterion of humanity, because if my own well-being and safety are ultimately more important than truth and justice, then the power of the stronger prevails, then violence and untruth reign supreme.

To Be Continued next week

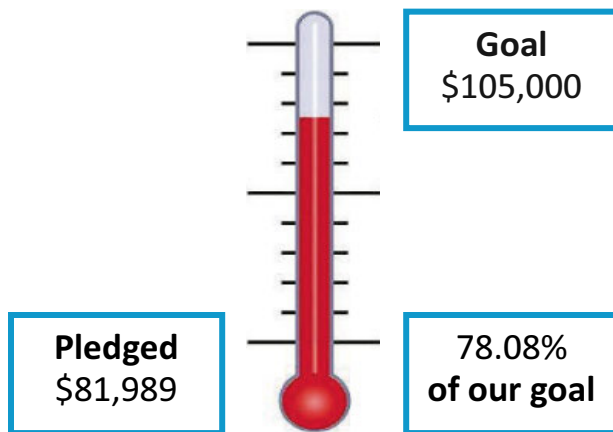
Coffee and Catholicism

The Coffee and Catholicism group meets once a month to discuss a variety of topics related to our faith. We will continue watching *The Chosen* series and have a discussion afterwards related to the episode. On January 31st at 9:15 a.m. we view 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.

*New: Rosary Group Update

Rosary Group is one of the fastest growing and well attended programs at St. Paul's Church. Knowing the importance of praying the Rosary, **the group will now meet on a weekly basis**. Each Tuesday, except the Tuesdays when Coffee and Catholicism meets, the group will meet at 12:00 p.m., in the worship space. The Tuesday's Coffee and Catholicism meets (1/31, 2/7, 3/28, 5/16, & 6/6) the Rosary Group will be meeting at 10:45 a.m., immediately after Coffee and Catholicism. All skill levels are invited to come together as a Eucharistic Community and unite their hearts and voices in prayer.

St. Paul's CMA Update



Word of God Sunday

This weekend is Word of God Sunday. If you are Looking for some good down to earth commentaries on reading Scripture, check out this link from the National Catholic Register:
www.ncregister.com/commentaries/word-of-god-sunday-causes-for-celebration

Do You Like Donuts & People?

Are you available the first Sunday of the month? Our Coffee hour committee is looking for volunteers! If you are interested in helping each month or just once in a while, please contact Karen at ichiyo.k.bana@gmail.com or feel free to stop down and see her at our next coffee hour on February 5th.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who contributed to Good Sam Outreach Giving Tree and fuel fund. Once again we had an exceptional response. In addition to the terrific number of gifts we also raised \$2,385 in fuel money was sent to Corpus Christi Church in Rochester to help local residents pay their heating bills. Thank you so much!

Save the Date Pre-Planning Your Funeral

Planning the funeral of a loved one is very difficult while in mourning. To ease the burden and stress on those we love, many have begun to make their own arrangements by pre-planning their funeral and liturgy services. On May 23rd at 6:30 PM, Jeff Scott, the funeral director of Willard H. Scott Funeral Home, and Katie Van Damme, the Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, will present on pre-planning your funeral serves. Jeff will cover the Funeral Home process while Katie will discuss liturgy planning. More information to come as the date gets closer.

From the John Walsh Library

Kidder, Tracy

Mountains Beyond Mountains

This is the compelling story of the brilliant and charismatic Dr. Paul Farmer, who died unexpectedly a few months ago at the age of 62. He was a Harvard professor and infectious disease specialist who dedicated his life to bringing the life-saving tools of modern medicine to those in dire need of them, especially the people of Haiti. The title comes from the Haitian proverb, "Beyond mountains, there are mountains." As one problem is solved, another presents itself. Indeed, Dr. Farmer encountered one seemingly impossible challenge after another in his quest to alleviate the suffering of the poorest of the poor. His unorthodox early life living on a bus and a boat probably influenced his belief that one person can bring radical and profound changes even in the most seemingly hopeless of circumstances.

(Call No. 610-KID)

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!

Webster Hope: January Wish List

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

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.

Ministry Schedule for January 28 & 29

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	Ryan Bacchatta Isabella Cordaro Addison Teranna	Maggie Milner Volunteer Needed	Olivia Fulkerson Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Bob Slon	Bonnie Serio	Cindy Rutan
EMHC	Christine Grant Mary Beth Speicher	Jack Black Craig Lippolis	Gina McNamara Fred Compertore
Greeters	Forest Shick Julie Shick	Jeanne Leo Pat Amedeo	Nancy Willard Anne LaClair
Lectors	TBD	TBD	TBD
Linens	Margie Cress (No specific time for pick up)		
Sacristans	Irene Dragt	Jane Adams	Sharyn LiPari
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Lou Rotundo	Chris Yuskiv
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series



The saints have a very special connection to Christ, which we as Christians strive for as well. Many of our saints are known for their deep devotion to the Eucharist. There are saints who are known to have lived off the Eucharist as their only source of nourishment. We invite you to join Professor Lisa Lickona from St. Bernard's School of Theology as she introduces us to "The Saints Devotion to the Eucharist" on Wednesday, February 1st at 6:30 PM. Professor Lickona is an expert on the saints, and a national presenter and writer on this topic. She is the Assistant Professor of Systemic Theology at St. Bernard's. Prior to working at St. Bernard's she was the Editor for Saints at Magnificat, where she researched and wrote daily on the lives of the saints. We hope you can join us at St. Paul's Church as this remarkable speaker educates us on the connection between the Saints and the Eucharist.

Black History Month

Eucharistic Revival Presentation

A Brief History of Civil Rights in Rochester and Webster With an Introduction to the Antiracist Curriculum Project

As Eucharistic people we have a responsibility to be Christ to the greater community. Sr. Karen Dietz, in her January presentation, reminded us that we are created to love God and our neighbor, and to bring this love into the community. Mark 12:30-31 says: *"You shall love God and your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."* As part of the Eucharistic Revival, in conjunction with Black History Month, we invite you to join us as we learn about the history of civil rights in our area. Shane Wiegand, the co-leader of the Antiracist Curriculum Project, will be leading this vital presentation on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Church worship space. We encourage you to join us as we work to bring the peace of Christ to our community.



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