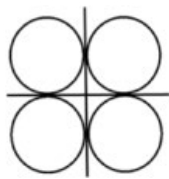


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

January 28, 2024 Fourth 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

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 29****Weekday**

No Mass

Tuesday, January 30**Weekday**

No Mass

12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, January 31**St. John Bosco, Priest**

No Mass

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir rehearsal

Thursday, February 1**Weekday**

No Mass

6:30P Eucharistic Revival

Speaker Series: guest speaker, Dr. Matthew Kuhner

Friday, February 2**The Presentation of the Lord**

No Mass

8:30A Vac Pac

Saturday, February 3**Weekday**

Pasta Dinner ticket sales after Mass

Blessing of Throats during Mass

Birthday Blessing during Mass

10:00A Prayer Shawl

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, February 4**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Weekday**

Pasta Dinner ticket sales after both Mass

Blessing of Throats during Mass

Birthday Blessing during both Masses

Apples for Autism Sale during Coffee Hour

9:00A Mass

10:00A SOR classes

10:00A Confirmation Prep yr. 1

10:00A Coffee & Donut Hour

11:00A Mass

12:00P Confirmation Prep yr. 2

12:00P Coffee & Donut Hour

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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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	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

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*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Irene Saeva
From
Anna May Latunik*

Seeds for the Journey

Continuing with our series on liturgy, begun last October, today we address the prayer of the Church, the Liturgy of the Hours. The Gospels inform us that Jesus often "...went off by himself to pray," (Mk 1:35). As an integral part of his life prayer served as a means for Jesus to speak to God, to reenergize himself, body, mind, and spirit, and to strengthen himself to continue his mission. By the time of his passion Jesus had spent a good deal of his life in prayer and he implored his disciples to do the same: "Then he told them a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary" (Lk 18:1), and that's exactly what they did. In both the opening and closing verses of Luke's Gospel we find the people of God in prayer. Then in the Book of Acts we're told how the Apostles followed in the Jewish tradition of praying at the third, sixth, and ninth hours of the day. These prayers consisted of psalms, hymns, readings, and prayers of joy and thanksgiving. This tradition of praying three times a day was also recorded in the "Didache," a document written around the same time as the Gospels.

With the growth of the Church and the development of monastic life styles the prayer of the Church became more formalized, especially in monastic circles. In these venues prayers (Monastic Office) were typically offered at sunrise, mid-morning, midday, mid-afternoon, at sunset, and before going to bed. In addition, some monks rose to read and pray during the Night. Meanwhile, a less rigorous form of daily prayer (Cathedral Prayer), led by a Bishop, was offered twice a day, morning and evening in local Cathedrals, for the secular Church. In both cases, prayer time consisted of the recitation of various psalms, canticles, songs, prayers, petitions, and scripture readings.

Throughout the Middle Ages and into the modern era, the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office), as it came to be called, underwent a variety of changes in structure and format, becoming less the prayer of the Church at large, and more the obligatory prayer for clergy. However, with the reforms and revisions of Vatican II, the Liturgy of the Hours once again became the primary prayer of the people, with the focus being on Morning and Evening prayer. While clergy are still obliged to pray the Hours, especially Morning and Evening prayer, the Council also emphasized the importance for the laity to pray the Hours as well. As the Council stated in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Hours "is devised so that the whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praises of God. . . . The purpose of the office is to sanctify the day." To that end, the Morning and Evening hours begin with the preface, "God, come to my assistance. Lord, make haste to help me!"

The Liturgy of the Hours – the public prayer of the Church (Liturgy) – is a four-week cycle of prayer guided by the Churches liturgical calendar, with prayers available for certain feast days and solemnities. Based largely on the psalms, prayer sessions consist of Morning, Mid-morning, Midday, Evening, and Night, along with the Office of Readings which consists of psalms, readings, and a reflection from one of the fathers of the Church. The focus for most clergy and the laity is on Morning and Evening prayer.

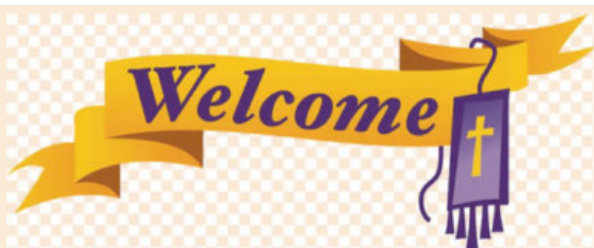
A typical prayer session is comprised of a hymn, a psalm, a canticle, a 2nd psalm, a brief scripture reading, the Song of Zechariah (Morning) or Mary's Magnificat (Evening), followed by intercessory prayers, the Our Father and a concluding prayer. The content of the daily sessions varies based on the liturgical calendar. Thus, Ordinary time, Advent, Lent, Easter, etc., have psalms, prayers, and readings appropriate to the season. While this all seems complicated and time consuming, the reality is that a typical prayer session, whether prayed alone or in communion with others, takes only fifteen to twenty minutes, leaving plenty of time for personal prayer and reflection.

So, why should we pray the Liturgy of the Hours? Well, first of all, like all prayer, praying the Hours draws us closer to the source and summit of our prayers – Jesus Christ. It helps fulfill Jesus' command for us to "pray always." Praying the psalms unites our voices with those who, in ancient days, turned to God in times of need and in times of joy; who offered God praise and sought his mercy and forgiveness. Also, since the Liturgy of the Hours is considered the prayer of the Church and is offered continuously throughout the world, we join with and enter into a deeper communion with the Body of Christ as we pray with and for the Church. Praying the Hours enhances our prayer life, provides opportunities for deeper reflection and meditation, and draws us into a deeper communion with all of the faithful who have gone before us who have prayed these prayers, including the Apostles.

How do we begin? Well, there are a variety of resources available beginning with the seasonal four-volume hard copy version, ("Liturgy of the Hours") and the shorter hard copy version known as "Christian Prayer". A beginner's version, known as "Shorter Christian Prayer," that contains only Morning and Evening prayers, is also available. In addition, there are several online versions available, which I most often use. These include, DivineOffice.org, iBreviary.com, and Universalis.com. A variety of online user's guides are also available.

The Liturgy of the Hours is the prayer of the people of God. It is your prayer, it is my prayer, it is our prayer in communion with our sisters and brothers throughout the world, drawing us deeper into, and helping us celebrate, the mysteries of our faith. Please join us in prayer!

Deacon Mark



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

Thank you

Dear friends at St. Paul's,
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Birthday Blessing Weekend

Were you born in the month of February?
If so we have a birthday present for you!
Join us at Mass next weekend, February 3
and 4 as we celebrate February birthdays.
Fr. Paul will give a special blessing followed
by our congregation singing Happy Birthday.
You don't want to miss it!

St. Paul's Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Proceeds benefit St. Paul's Confirmation Program

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

**Dinner includes:
Pasta, meatballs,
garlic bread &
Salad**

**Desert available
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**Tickets sold in the parish office
and after Masses January 27 &
28 and February 3 & 4**



**Dine in or Take
out!!!**

Tickets:

\$12 for adults
\$6 for kids
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Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of Throats

A blessing of throats will take place during all Masses on the next weekend of February 3 and 4.

Many Catholics might remember St. Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. St. Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

Very few facts are known about St. Blaise. We believe he was a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who was martyred under the reign of Licinius in the early fourth century. The legend of his life that sprang up in the eighth century tells us that he was born into a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. After becoming a bishop, a new persecution of Christians began. He received a message from God to go into the hills to escape persecution. Men hunting in the mountains discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals who were sick. Among them Blaise walked unafraid, curing them of their illnesses. Recognizing Blaise as a bishop, they captured him to take him back for trial. On the way back, he talked a wolf into releasing a pig that belonged to a poor woman. When Blaise was sentenced to be starved to death, the woman, in gratitude, sneaked into the prison with food and candles. Finally Blaise was killed by the governor. Blaise is the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies.

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!

From the John Walsh Library



Rupp, Joyce

Fly While You Still Have Wings **(and Other Lessons My Resilient Mother Taught Me)**

Joyce Rupp notes that the title of this book was her mother's motto in the last decade of her life. Hilda Rupp had lived a life filled with hard labor and constant responsibilities. Through those difficulties, including the unexpected death of a twenty-three-year-old son, she developed a resiliency that supported her through illnesses and losses she faced later in life. Many physical health problems plagued her in the fourteen years before her death, but she faced her increasing frailty with courage and determination and a positive outlook. As Joyce Rupp explains, her book does not believe that older people must look and act younger than they are; this only strengthens the Western world's idolization of youth. Rather she extols the value of leaning into the aging process with dignity and honesty and joy.

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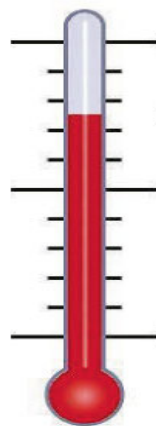
Mark your calendar and join us on Thursday, February 1st at 6:30 p.m. as we welcome Dr. Matthew Kuhner to present "*Confession and Repentance - Our Misery Healed by God's Mercy.*" Dr. Kuhner is the Vice President and Academic Dean at St. Bernard's School, as well as an Assistant Professor of Systematic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



Ministry Schedule for February 3 & 4, 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
Acolytes	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Cantors	TBD	TBD	TBD
EMHC	Christine Grant Bob Frank	Jack Black TBD	Cindy Ottina Nancy Willard
Greeters	Diana Kemp Bill Galbraith	Pat Amedeo Jack Black	Anne LaClair Bella Pumputis
Lectors	TBD	TBD	TBD
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Sue Dettman	Jane Adams	Laure Barr
Stream Team	John Kosel	Tom Napoli	Chris Yuskiw
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed



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of our goal

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Coffee & Donut Hour

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



Save the Date!

St. Paul's 2024 Vacation Bible School (VBS)

for ages 4-12

July 22-26

9:15am-12:15pm.

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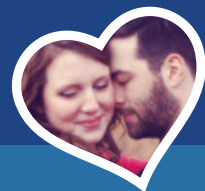
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