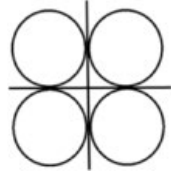


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**January 7, 2023 The Epiphany 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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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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 8**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
 8:30A Mass

**Tuesday, January 9**  
**Weekday**  
 8:30A Mass with anointing  
 11:00A Staff mtg.  
 12:00P Rosary Group

**Wednesday, January 10**  
**Weekday**  
 No Mass  
 No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 No Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00P Good Sam Outreach mtg.

**Thursday, January 11**  
**Weekday**  
 No Mass

**Friday, January 12**  
**Weekday**  
 No Mass

**Saturday, January 13**  
**Weekday**  
 4:00P Mass

**Sunday, January 14**  
**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**No SOR Classes**  
**No Confirmation Prep Classes**  
 9:00A Mass  
 10:00A SOR classes  
 11:00A Mass



### Parish Staff

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<b>Parish Council Chair:</b> Linda D'Antonio	
<b>Parish Trustees:</b> Forest Shick & George Hanley	

### 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.)

**Phone:** 671- 2100

**Emergency Number:** 369-9687

**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org

**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org



### Financial Snapshot

	November 2023	July-November 2023
Collections	\$36,211	\$193,822
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,531	\$26,984
Expenses	\$42,947	\$237,360
Operating surplus/deficit	(\$4,205)	(\$16,555)

### 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  
 all the parishioners  
 of St. Paul's*

# Seeds for the Journey

## Stock-taking and Resolutions for New Year!

Think if someone were to give you \$10 for every good action you did for someone and kind words you ever spoke about people and then take back \$5 for every time you were mean in actions and words towards people, would you be poor or rich this year? This is the time to stock-take and assess the extent to which our behavior and programs have achieved their goals and then make New Year's resolutions. Resolutions are a means to start afresh and hope that we can do better with the help of God's grace.

In US, recent statistics show that about 40% of Americans make New Year's resolutions. The success rate of putting these resolutions into practice is about 30%. So, we should be gentle and patient with ourselves and others. When making resolutions, some of us forget about making any that will help us Love God and neighbor. We often have good intentions to be healthy by losing weight through physical exercise, diet, and getting more sleep. These are all good, but they leave out an important piece of improving our relationships with Our Lord. We know as we grow closer to Christ, it becomes easier to share His love with others by words and actions.

"Most importantly, the practice of resolutions at the beginning of the year is rooted in a recognition that our recent past has not always been a stellar success. We desire to do better when the new year dawns. It is not difficult to see how well this perspective coincides with our Christian practice of repentance, penance, and forgiveness" (Page 10, The Priest Magazine November 2023 Vol.79, No.11). Hence when it comes to spiritual life, stocktaking, and resolution to do better is done through daily examination of conscience as recommended by saints such as St. Mother Teresa and St. Ignatius of Loyola. This method of Spiritual Exercises has 5 points:

1. **Gratitude:** Begin by giving thanks to God for all the favors we have received each day.
2. **Awareness:** Asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten us so that we can see with light of God's grace.
3. **Review:** See the moments we were doing good meaning God was present and when we were doing evil because of God's absence or our absence from him.
4. **Forgiveness:** Expressing our sorrow and asking God to forgive and heal us for the wrong we have done.
5. **Resolve:** Making resolutions to do better and praying for God's grace to help us be more available to Him and other people especially those in need of our help.

Being a better person who love God and neighbor should be our main New Year's resolution. This will give us peace and joy just like the magi were overjoyed when they saw the star of our Lord. Through the intercession of Blessed Virgin Mary, may God grant us a New Year filled with blessings and good health. While I will be away January 10-31 visiting my mom in Kenya, I will keep you in my prayers and hope you do the same.

*Fr. Paul*



## St. Paul's Panera Bread Fundraiser Take Two

There was such a great response at our first Panera fundraiser night that we thought we would do it again. Do you have anything on your calendar on January 18th? Now you do! Take the night off from cooking and pick up dinner at Panera Bread on Holt Rd. You won't have to do dishes and you will help support St. Paul's at the same time.

How does this work, you ask? It's pretty simple! All you have to do is go to Panera on January 18th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. with a St. Paul's Panera night flyer. You can order your food either online, to-go, dine in or just go through the drive through, whatever is easiest. At the time of placing your order you simply present the flyer to the Panera team member and St. Paul's will receive 25% from your total order. It's a win-win, a dinner you didn't have to cook and some extra dough for St. Paul's.



While Fr. Paul is away visiting his family and friends in Kenya, there will be no daily Mass or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning, January 10th through February 2nd.



St. Paul's welcomes the newest  
member of our faith community  
Ethan James Houghton



**Dear Parishioners,**

on behalf of Fr. Paul, Helen and our Parish Staff here at St Paul's I wish to thank you immensely for participating in our Faith Formation Christmas Collection for Rochester Hope. May God reward you abundantly. After receiving the collection, they sent following note to us:

**Thank you,  
Anselm**

**Dear St Paul's Youth Group,**

Just a note to thank you for your generous donation of goods to Rochester Hope's Food Pantry. Please know that we are serving approximately 300 families each week and they too appreciate your efforts. Despite the main difficulties that our clients face they are still full of life and hope. Thanks for being part of that hope.

Feel free to stop by the food pantry any Saturday to see what your good works bring!

**Sincerely,  
Rochester Hope Board of Directors.**

## Webster Hope January Wish List



Cooking oil	Ketchup
Pasta sauce in jars	Taco kits
Hearty soups & stews	Lotion
Oatmeal, instant & regular	Laundry detergent
Coffee & hot chocolate	

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.



**Dear editor, how many Liturgical seasons are there in the Church?**

Dear reader, the Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent and ends on the Solemnity of Christ the King. There are four seasons in the Church: Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.

- During Advent, Christians await and prepare for the coming of the messiah: Jesus.
- During Christmas, Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Christmas is also known as the Incarnation.
- Lent is a period of purification, a period of repentance during which Christians prepare for Easter through acts of fasting, abstinence, almsgiving and intense prayer. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends just before the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday.
- During Easter, Christians celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. Jesus Christ, who rose from the Dead conquers death and restores new life.
- Easter ends on Pentecost. During Pentecost, the Church commemorates the coming down of the Holy Spirit on the Disciples, 50 days after Easter.
- On the fortieth day of Easter, Christians celebrate the Ascension; the belief that Jesus went up to heaven while the disciples were watching.
- Ordinary Time is the period between Christmas and Lent, and the period between Easter and Advent.



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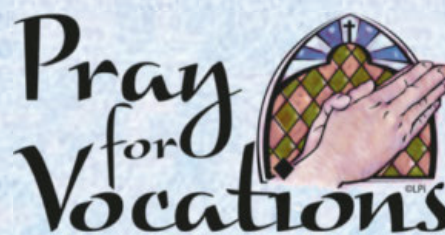


**McKenna, Kevin E.**

### **You Did It for Me**

#### **(Care of Your Neighbor as a Spiritual Practice)**

Jesus spent much time in prayer, and then went forth in action. Spirituality involves more than the techniques of interior life and prayer; the social teachings of the church also give practical guidance about how Christians can live the gospel of Jesus. Inherent in this teaching is the belief in the value and dignity of every person which comes from God and is independent of any human accomplishment or quality. The book is centered on seven themes such as caring for God's creation, the rights of workers, and the needs of the poor and the vulnerable. Each chapter begins with a vignette about a person with a Rochester connection; at the conclusion of each chapter, there are questions to help the reader reflect on living the teachings of Jesus in a practical way. (Call No. 261.8-MCK)



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 13 & 14, 2023

Due to the bulletin being sent to press early, some ministry schedules have not been completed yet. If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to let them know your availability.

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
<b>Cantors</b>	Tom Napoli	Elizabeth Randisi	Cindy Rutan
<b>EMHC</b>	Sue Dettman Bob Frank	Josephine Cozzo Margaret Milner	TBD TBD
<b>Greeters</b>	Julie Shick Forest Shick	DA Hutnick, Izzy Ebertz & Barb Rehberg	Anne LaClair Bella Pumputis
<b>Lectors</b>	Barb Robbins	Jack Black	Gene Mancuso
<b>Linens</b>	Mary Fitch No specific time for pick up		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Irene Dragt	Turner Family	Sandy Happ
<b>Stream Team</b>	Rod Campbell	Sue Muto	Jerry Healey
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed



Did you know that you can pledge to St. Paul's CMA campaign and pay later? Yes, that's true! Make your pledge now and pay by the end of May 2024. If you haven't already given, please consider it now. We need everyone's support. Thank you!



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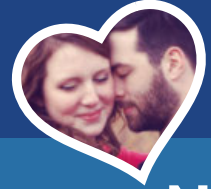
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