

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

**July 27, 2025 Seventeenth 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.



## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He will get up to give  
him whatever he  
needs because of his  
persistence." - Lk 11:8

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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.

### 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.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Monday, July 28

### Weekday

8:30A Mass

9:15A Bible Study

## Tuesday, July 29

*Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus*

8:30A Mass with anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

## Wednesday, July 30

### Weekday

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## Thursday, July 31

*St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

8:30A Mass

9:15A Bible Study

## Friday, August 1

*St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop &*

*Doctor of the Church*

No Mass

## Saturday, August 2

### Weekday

**Birthday Blessing during Mass**

10:00A Prayer Shawl

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

## Sunday, August 3

*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Birthday Blessing during Masses**

9:00A Mass

11:00A Mass



## Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau

**Deacon:** Mark Robbins

**Administrative Asst.:** Jodie Hickey x21

**Adult Faith Formation Coordinator:**

**Director of Faith Formation:** Anselm Mesue x27

**Coordinator of Music:** John Gaspar

**Faith Formation & Liturgy Assistant:** Helen Stirpe x26

**Funeral Planning:** Bonnie Serio

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8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

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**Emergency Number:** 369-9687

**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org

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



## Financial Snapshot

	June 2025	July 2024-June 2025
Collections	\$34,121	\$502,656
Donations/ other revenue	\$9,173	\$61,352
Expenses	\$52,344	\$543,897
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(9,050)	\$20,702

## 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  
the parishioners of  
St. Paul's*

# Seeds for the Journey

This weekend the Church celebrates World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in honor of Saints Joachim and Anne (Feast Day, July 26<sup>th</sup>), the father and mother of Mary, the mother of Jesus. While there is no mention of Joachim and Anne in scripture, tradition provides us with intriguing insights into their lives. For example, it is said that Joachim, a descendent of the Jewish tribe of Judah, was a wealthy, generous and respected man, while Anne was the daughter of a priest of the tribe of Levi. Both were strongly adherent to their Jewish faith but were stigmatized by their inability to have children after many years of marriage. Out of frustration, Joachim went into the desert for forty days and nights (sound familiar) to fast and pray for God's guidance. Anne, meanwhile, beyond child-bearing age but longing to have a child and for the return of Joachim, prayed to God, *"O God of our fathers, bless me and hear my prayer, as you blessed the womb of Sarah, and gave her a son, Isaac."*

According to tradition, both Anne and Joachim were simultaneously visited by an Angel who told them that the Lord had heard their prayer and that Anne would conceive a child. The child, named Mary, was immaculately conceived, and would grow to give birth to Jesus, the Son of God. In the Eastern Orthodox tradition, numerous icons have been written depicting the moment Joachim returned from the desert and reunited with Anne, as they revealed to each other the words of the Angel.



Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, raised Mary in a loving and faith-filled environment, teaching her to trust God in all things. When the time came for God to invite Mary to give birth to, and raise his son, she was prepared and willingly said yes! On a human level, we have Joachim and Anne to thank for that.

We know little about the lives of Joachim and Anne, nor for that matter, of the childhood of Mary. We do not know if they were alive when Jesus was born, and if so, if they held their grandson in their arms. Never-the-less, we hold them in high esteem as patron saints of parents and grandparents. They endured hardship and struggles yet remained steadfast in their faith, their love for God, and their love and devotion to one another. We see these same characteristics reflected in the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus and devoted wife to Joseph.

This weekend the Church recognizes grandparents and the elderly as models of hope for others, especially for younger generations. Their endurance and faithfulness throughout their lives are living icons of the power of hope in facing challenges and embracing the future, as exemplified in the lives of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. To that end, I invite parents and grandparents to join me in praying the following prayer taken from a Novena to Saints Joachim and Anne.

*O Holy Mother and Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as parents, you guided and nurtured Mary and, under your protection and love, watched her grow in holiness. Come close to us...and help us to parent our children and grandchildren with a gentle heart as you did. Show us how to raise them in faith and bring our families into the Light of Jesus. Remain close to us and help us on our journey to salvation. Amen!*

**Deacon Mark**



## St. Paul's Parish Picnic



**Let's Picnic!  
This Weekend!  
\*rain or shine\***  
**Sunday, July 27, 2025**  
**12:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

### Haven't Bought Your Tickets Yet? DON'T PANIC! There is still time!

Stop by our registration table (in front of the church, in the driveway) on your way out of Mass to purchase your tickets and join the fun!  
We can't wait to see you there!

#### Ticket Info

Individual Ticket: \$7  
Family (5+) Tickets: \$30 (max per family)  
**\*\*Exact Cash or Check Accepted\*\***

#### Join the Fun!

Lawn games, candy bingo, artisan table, music, open mic, activities for kids & door prizes



**\*Sign Up Required\***  
Open Mic & Artisan Table



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS  
*a journey of faith*


Registration is now open for the OCIA here at St Paul's. The OCIA is sacramental preparation journey for unbaptized adults preparing to enter the Roman Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. It is also meant for baptized Christians wishing to enter the Roman Catholic Church or baptized adult Catholics seeking to complete their initiation with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Interested persons or those who need more information about the process, should contact Anselm, the Director of Faith Formation, via email at [anslem.mesue@dor.org](mailto:anslem.mesue@dor.org)




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Friday, August 22 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
or after Mass on Saturday, August 23



### Birthday Blessing Weekend

Fr. Paul will give a special blessing during Masses next weekend, August 2 & 3 as we celebrate August birthdays.

## Adult Faith Formation: Bible Study



As previously announced, we shall have Bible study sessions this summer. We have planned six sessions to be led by Anselm Mesue, our Director of Faith Formation. Unless otherwise stated, each session will last for 1 hour, beginning at 9:15 am and ending at 10:15 am, held in the worship space. Participants are encouraged to bring their own personal Bibles or may use those provided by the Church. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Here are the dates and topics:

- Monday, July 28: Overview of the Old Testament
- Thursday, July 31: Overview of the New Testament
- Thursday, August 21: The Gospel of John Session 1
- Monday, August 25: The Gospel of John Session 2
- Thursday, August 28: The Gospel of John Session 3

## School of Religion Registration

Registration for School of Religion classes here at St Paul's is currently going on for grades K to 7. Registration is also currently going on for First Communion and Penance preparation. The registration fee for School of Religion is \$70 per child, \$140 for 2 children and \$175 for three or more children in the program. The registration fee for the sacraments prep is \$65 per child, and this includes two books. Kindly spread the word. For more information, kindly contact Helen or Anselm at:

helen.stirpe@dor.org  
anselm.mesue@dor.org

## ST PAUL'S KIDS' FUN NIGHT

### For those in Grades K-8

There'll be games, snacks, craft, movie, pizza & drinks

**Date: Thursday, August 21**

**Time: 5:30pm - 8:00pm**

**Fee: \$10 per child.** Cash or make check payable to St Paul's with Kids' Fun Night in Memo Line.

Registration forms are located on the bulletin board across from the parish office. **Please register by August 14th.**

Those interested should kindly contact Helen Stirpe at:  
helen.stirpe@dor.org.

## From the John Walsh Library



**Kiechle, Stefan**

### The Art of Discernment

Anxiety, uncertainty, vulnerability--anyone who has made a big decision knows these feelings. As the complexity of our decisions grows, we constantly seek guidance in dealing with life's possibilities. In every act of free will. in every choice we make, we have the opportunity to follow Jesus. That means making the choice for the greater good and rejecting lesser alternatives. The discernment process, first developed by Ignatius of Loyola, involves rationally outlining the pros and the cons of a possibility, imaginatively considering what it would be like to live with the decision, listening to the movements of the heart, and prayerfully seeking the inner freedom to do what is best. (Call No. 248. 4)

## Webster Hope August Wish List

Cooking oil	Body wash, shampoo, conditioner & deodorant
Canned beets & pineapple	Laundry detergent, dish soap & hand soap
Coffee & tea	Pasta & sauce
Salad dressing	Toilet paper (high need)
Mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup & BBQ sauce	Diapers (adult & child sizes) & feminine products

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. Thank you for your generosity.

## Ministry Schedule for August 2 & 3, 2025

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>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Luca Picca <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Cantors</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>EMHC</b>	Bob Frank Christine Grant	DA Hutnick Maggie Milner	Ellen Santora Nancy Willard
<b>Greeters</b>	Forest Shick Julie Shick	DA Hutnick <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Ellen Santora Nancy Willard
<b>Lectors</b>	Margie Richardson	Jack Black	Crissy Picca
<b>Linens</b>	No linen pick up this week		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Olbrich family	Jane Adams	Connie Gurske
<b>Stream Team</b>	John Kosel	Tom Napoli	George Hanley
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TANGIBLE SIGNS OF  
HOPE FOR THOSE OF  
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SISTERS WHO  
EXPERIENCE  
HARDSHIPS OF ANY  
KIND.”**

**-POPE FRANCIS**

The logo for the Jubilee represents all of humanity coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate solidarity as we are called into fraternity by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The cross is a symbol of hope, which can never be abandoned, and its presence as an anchor in the waves reminds us that, though life can have its share of rough waters, with the help of God and our brothers and sisters, we can weather life's storms!



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2025**

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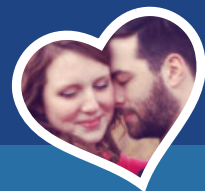
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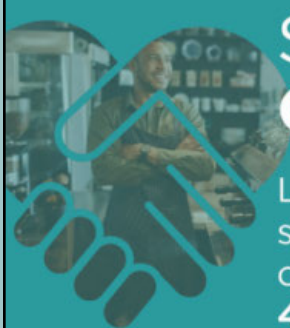
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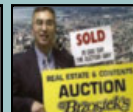


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