

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

June 22, 2025 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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.



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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.



Upcoming June Events

Monday, June 23**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, June 24**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**8:30A Mass with anointing
12:00P Rosary Group**Wednesday, June 25****Weekday**8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**Thursday, June 26****Weekday**8:30A Mass
5:30P Kids' Fun Night**Friday, June 27****The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
No Mass**Saturday, June 28****Weekday****Jubilee Prayer Recited during Masses**2:00P Confession
4:00P Mass**Sunday, May June 29****Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles**
Jubilee Prayer Recited during Masses9:00A 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**Facilities Manager:** Ben O'Brien x28**Finance Office:****Finance Council Chair:** Jack Black**Parish Council Chair:** Patrice DeAngelis**Parish Trustees:** Forest Shick & George Hanley

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Phone: 671- 2100**Emergency Number:** 369-9687**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org**Financial Snapshot**

	May 2025	July 2024-May 2025
Collections	\$35,427	\$468,580
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,373	\$52,320
Expenses	\$23,600	\$489,000
Operating surplus/deficit	\$14,200	\$31,840

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

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*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
John Colangelo
From
Donna Libentritt*

Seeds for the Journey

Happy Summer! This weekend marks the first days of summer. I am looking forward to the blessings of summer - sunshine, warm weather and family gatherings. Summer here at St. Paul's takes on a different pace - school year programs and meetings take a break, staff takes vacation, and we celebrate together at our annual parish picnic.

Summer for me, is a season of renewal and an opportunity to appreciate God's gift of nature. My hope for the parishioners at St. Paul's is that you are able to enjoy the wonders of the summer season, and that you take time for yourself. I want to share the following prayer with you and wish you all a restful, joyous summer!

Prayer for Summertime

Loving God, Creator of all times and places,
we thank You for the gift of summertime,
the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank You for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look:
the multi-colored flowers,
the deep blue of the sky,
the tranquil surface of lakes,
the laughter of children at play,
people strolling in parks,
families gathered around picnic tables and
the more time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people,
open our hearts to receive all as gift.
Give us that insight to see You as the Divine Artist.
Help us to realize and appreciate that You are laboring
to keep all in existence.
Warm our souls with the awareness of Your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer
deepen our awareness of Your love
so that we may share this with others and enjoy
a summertime of re-creation.
Amen!

Joan

Mission Cooperation Plan (MCP) 2025 Second Collection

Every year St. Paul's joins in the Mission Church and welcomes a visiting missionary to tell their story and experiences through the Missionary Cooperation Plan. Next weekend, June 28 & 29 we welcome Fr. Kenneth Lukong from the Benedict XVI Institute for Africa.

As the Church in Africa grows and participates in the New Evangelization of the world Church, the need for a proper formation of the clergy, religious and laity becomes all the more acute. Integral to this mission of the formation of Church leaders is their formation in theology and spirituality, while paying attention to the cultures of the peoples of the vast continent of Africa. With the election of Pope Leo XIV, a missionary pope, the call to mission appears to be a reminder that the Holy Spirit is making to the world church. The purpose of the Benedict XVI Institute for Africa, therefore, is to promote theological and spiritual formation of Church leaders across the African Church, particularly African Theological Faculties, Seminaries, and Religious Houses of Formation. This mission has been at the forefront of theological, spiritual and cultural development across Africa, especially in seminaries, houses of formation and universities. The Benedict XVI Institute for Africa is actively engaging on making the basic tools of learning available to different seminaries and local Churches in Africa, and your support will be very much appreciated. The mission likewise includes *Caritas*, providing support to needy rural parish communities in terms of education of children and basic medical support to rural parishes across Africa.

To support the Benedict XVI Institute for Africa, please make your check payable to St. Paul's Church adding "Benedict Institute Mission" in the memo. Donations will be collected during our second collection. Thank you for your generosity.



St Paul's Kids' Fun Night

For those in Grades K-8

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

Date: Thursday June 26th

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




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 at helen.stirpe@dor.org or Anselm at anselm.mesue@dor.org

Jubilee of the Eastern Churches: Pope Leo asks "Who More Than You Can Sing Words of Hope in the Abyss of Violence?" 15 May 2025

The Jubilee of the Eastern Churches is one of the most spiritually intense moments of the Holy Year. Dedicated to the faithful of the Eastern Catholic Churches, the event is not only an opportunity for pilgrimage to Rome but a visible sign of the unity in diversity of the Universal Church. With its liturgical celebrations in the languages and rites of the different traditions, the Jubilee of the Eastern Churches has demonstrated the irreplaceable role of these communities in the Catholic faith, both yesterday and today.

Welcoming the participants, the Pope began with the Easter greeting: "Christ is risen. He is truly risen!", which contains the very heart of Christian hope. In one of the first meetings of his pontificate, he underlined how precious the Eastern Churches are to the Universal Church and to the entire world. He recalled the "glorious history and the bitter suffering" that many of these communities have lived through and continue to live through, reiterating how much they must be loved and supported.

In his speech, the Pope quoted the words of Pope Leo XIII, who back in 1894 recognized the dignity of the Eastern Churches, emphasizing that "the work of human redemption began in the East". This root gives them "a unique and privileged role". The Pontiff then expressed his deep concern about the risk of the Eastern communities living in diasporas losing their religious identity, a real threat especially for the new generations who have grown up far from their lands of origin.

The Pope forcefully asked that their traditions of the Eastern rites be preserved: "It is essential to preserve your traditions without watering them down", he said, rejecting the temptation of liturgical and spiritual assimilation. He praised the Eastern liturgies for their sense of mystery, beauty, and their ability to involve man in his totality, calling them "medicines" for the entire Church. A central passage of the speech concerned the theme of peace. Addressing the "martyr" Churches, he spoke words that were both a denunciation and a prayer:

"Who, more than you, can sing words of hope in the abyss of violence?" From the Holy Land to Ukraine, from the Middle East to the Caucasus, the Pope recalled the voice of Christ who cries: "Peace be with you!" and reiterated: "War is never inevitable... it is the person who sows seeds of peace who will go down in history, not the one who reaps victims."

"I will make every effort to spread peace. The Holy See is available so that enemies can come together and meet and look each other in the eye. With my heart in my hands, I say to the leaders of peoples: let us meet, let us dialogue, let us negotiate!"

The Jubilee of the Eastern Churches, in the words of the Pope, is an invitation to the entire Church to let itself be evangelized by the East. It is a call not to forget those who suffer, to support those who resist bravely and to carefully guard the deep roots of the faith that continues to shine from the East.

Summer Courses at St. Bernard's School of Theology

St Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry is offering the opportunity of auditing one summer course for free. This is thanks to the generous support of the Knights of Columbus Finger Lakes Chapter. The course being offered for free is "Lord, Teach Us To Pray: An Introduction to Prayer and Discernment." "This course attempts to answer the following questions by drawing on classical texts from scripture and Tradition: What is prayer? How does one pray? What is discernment? Is it possible to discover God's will and respond to it? What does it mean to make spiritual progress? The emphasis throughout the course will be on both theology and practice, as students bring their own lived experience into dialogue with the witness of Jesus, Mary and the saints.

This course can either be taken in person in Rochester or online. St Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry online courses can be accessed synchronously. This course will be taught by Lisa Lickona, STL. The application can be accessed on their website or you can use the following link <https://www.stbernards.edu/free-summer-audit-application>.

Dates and Time: Mondays, 6pm to 9pm EST, June 30th, July 7th, July 14th, July 21st, August 4th, August 11th.

From the John Walsh Library

Zaleski, Philip The Recollected Heart

Rooted in *The Rule of Saint Benedict*, this guide helps families or individuals create a meaningful retreat space at their home or in another special, quiet place. Mr. Zelesky believes that the Benedictine life of prayer, study, and manual labor is a prayer in itself. He also believes that this special life can be tasted, even if not fully assimilated, during a three-day retreat that persons can create for themselves. Preparation for the retreat, from selecting a time and place to choosing an appropriate chair, is important. He offers specific guidelines for each of the three days, which will include the Divine Office, manual labor, contemplation, and prayer centered around the themes of transformation, renewal, and resurrection. (Call No 269. 6-ZAL)

Ministry Schedule for June 28 & 29, 2025

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	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Luca Picca Volunteer Needed	Lucy Rynkiewicz Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Bonnie Serio	Tom Napoli	Bob Slon
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Greeters	Bill Galbraith Diana Kemp	Linda D'Antonio Jerry Healey	Ellen Santora Nancy Willard
Lectors	Scott Rutan	Laure Barr	Jann Armantrout
Linens	Julie Shick (no specific time for pick up)		
Sacristans	Sue Dettman	Eileen Turner	Laure Barr
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Sue Muto	Tom Napoli
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Blake Cusse Paul Fetter	Fred Compertore George Hanley



What a great day we had for our 10th annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser. The weather was beautiful and the fun and fellowship was out of this world. A special thank you to Ace Automatics for making our chicken dinners again this year. We always receive rave reviews from our community about the delicious chicken.

We sold about 400 Dinners which was a great number. A **HUGE** thank you to everyone, from our BBQ workers to those who spread the word to friends and neighbors, and also all who came and enjoyed a dinner (or two). This fundraiser would not be a success without you! We hope to see you all next year!

Adult Faith Formation "St. Paul & Hope" Guest Speaker: Dr. Chris Zoccali June 5, 2025





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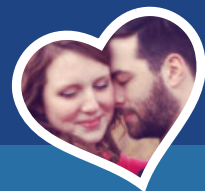
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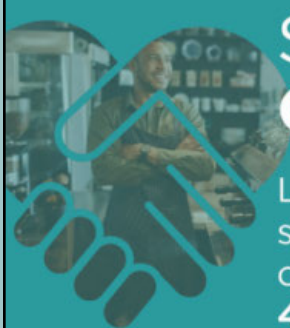
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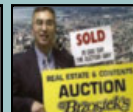


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