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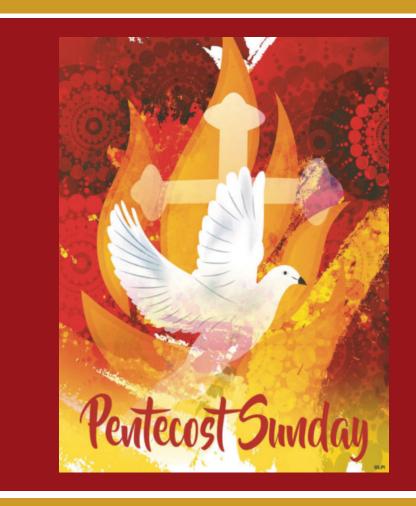


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

#### June 8, 2025 Pentecost Sunday

#### **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.

## 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, June 9
The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church
8:30A Mass

Tuesday, June 10 Weekday

8:30A Mass with anointing 12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, June 11 St. Barnabas, Apostle

8:30A Mass 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, June 12 Weekday

8:30A Mass

Friday, June 13
St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Parish Office Closed
No Mass

NO Mass

4:00P 10th Annual Chicken BBQ

Saturday, June 14 Weekday

2nd Collection: Peter's Pence

Flag Day

2:00P Confession 4:00P Mass-Blessings for Father's Day & Graduates

Sunday, May June 15
The Most Holy Trinity
2nd Collection: Peter's Pence
Blessings for Father's Day &
Graduates during Masses
9:00A Mass

10:00A Confirmation student & parent mtg. yr. 1

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

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### **Parish Office Hours**

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

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### **Financial Snapshot**

	April 2025	July 2024-April 2025		
Collections	\$50,651	\$442,423		
Donations/ other revenue	\$14,166	\$49,750		
Expenses	\$58,697	\$461,011		
Operating surplus/deficit	\$6,120	\$31,162		

# 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 Mary Alice Rieger From Ann Marie & Brian Bocklage

### Seeds for the Journey

As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost this weekend, we are reminded of the day that the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples of Jesus in what is known as the "upper room" in Jerusalem. It was an event that changed the lives of those gathered in prayer at the direction of Jesus, who had ascended into heaven nine days before. In the Book of Acts, St Luke provides us with some details of the event and then gives us an overview of the growth of the early Church through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the disciples. This activity is further articulated by St Paul in his letters to the various churches that had been established. Paul's message to the early church (and to us) is that God had bestowed spiritual gifts (charisms) upon them for the purpose of building up the church and spreading the kingdom of God. As history tells us, that is exactly what happened.

Almost two thousand years later, at the prompting of Blessed Elena Guerra, the foundress of the Sisters of The Holy Spirit in Italy, Pope Leo XIII published an encyclical called Diindium Illud Munus, a document expounding the person of the Holy Spirit, its relation to the Holy Trinity, and its purpose and activities in the world. A few years later, again at the prompting of blessed Elena, Pope Leo called for a new Pentecost, a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church. On January 1, 1901, the Pope invoked a new anointing of the Holy Spirit while singing the hymn Veni Creator Spiritus: *Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest; come with Thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which Thou hast made...* 

Not coincidently, that same day, at the Bethel College and Bible School in Topeka Kansas, a group of students had gathered to pray specifically for an anointing of the Holy Spirit, as the disciples did on the day of Pentecost. As they were praying, they were overwhelmed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. They were prompted to praise and worship God like never before; some began to speak in tongues. Thus began what came to be called the Pentecostal Movement in the Protestant Church.

Following in the footsteps of Pope Leo XIII, in 1962, in preparation for the Second Vatican Council, Pope John XXIII prayed for a new Pentecost. "Renew Your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost," the pope prayed. Out of that council arose an image of the Church as that of a Spirit-led, charismatic community:

"The Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful....guiding the Church...and unifying her in communion and in works of ministry, he bestows hierarchic and charismatic qifts...directs her....and adorns her with qifts" (Lumen Gentium 4).

In 1967, as the teachings of the Council were beginning to be implemented, Catholic students from Duquesne University gathered for a retreat. As a group of the students entered the Adoration Chapel for prayer they were overwhelmed with a sense of God's presence. Some were compelled to prostrate themselves before the Blessed Sacrament; some felt physical sensations in their bodies; others were compelled to cry with joy, while others unexpectantly began to speak in tongues. They all felt a deep presence of, and anointing by, the Holy Spirit. Shortly after that event, students at Notre Dame University had a similar experience, which became commonly referred to as the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit." Thus began the "new Pentecost" in the Catholic Church that Pope Leo XIII and John XXIII had prayed for, a movement known as the Catholic Charismatic Renewal which, for the past fifty-seven years, has brought a new awareness of the presence of Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit into the lives of millions of Catholics.

On this feast of Pentecost, we are reminded that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was not a one-time event that we simply celebrate, it is a never-ending gift of grace bestowed on us by the Risen Jesus. As Blessed Elena wrote in a private letter to Pope Leo XIII, "Pentecost is not over. In fact, it is continually going on in every time and in every place, because the Holy Spirit desired to give himself to all men and all who want him can always receive him...we only have to dispose ourselves...to receive him well, and He will come to us..."

In light of the wisdom of Blessed Elena, I invite you to join me in consecrating ourselves to the Holy Spirit with the prayer of St. Augustine: *Breathe in me*, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. *Act in me*, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. *Draw my heart*, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. *Strengthen me*, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. *Guard me*, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in me the fire of your love.

**Deacon Mark** 





Next weekend, June 14 & 15 is the second collection for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Leo XIV with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

To support this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Peter's Pence" in the memo. Thank you for your support.





# Learn more about a Jubilee focus each month as a family!

#### **June: Jubilee of Priestly Vocations**

This month there are jubilees for bishops, priests and seminarians. Celebrate their jubilees by praying for your priests and Bishop Matano during grace or evening prayers. You may want to consider dropping off a meal, a treat or even inviting them to share a meal with your family. Pray especially for our seminarians during this month where ordinations also take place!



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

### **Father's Day Flowers**



If you are planning on making a donation toward Father's Day Flowers, this is your **last weekend** to due so.

Please make your check payable to "St. Paul's Church" and mark your donation "Father's Day Flowers" and include who the donation is in memory of; we will list them in the bulletin on Father's Day. Please have your requests to the office by Monday, June 9th.

Please contact Jodie or Kasey with questions at 671-2100 or email at jodie.hickey@dor.org or Kasey.baker@dor.org.

#### **The Sacrament of Confirmation 2025**

On Tuesday May 20, nine members of our parish community received the Sacrament of Confirmation from the Most Rev. Salvatore Matano, Bishop of Rochester. These nine teenagers have been preparing for this sacrament for about 2 years through catechetical instruction, retreats, community service, a pilgrimage, and participating actively in various ministries in the Church. They are now expected to witness to the faith by what they say and how they live their lives. They are to be examples in society. During the Confirmation Mass, Bishop Matano challenged them to make a commitment to follow Jesus all the days of their lives. Congratulations to them for taking this very important step in their spiritual lives. On Sunday May 25 during the 9am Mass, they received their certificates from our Pastor, Fr Paul Gitau, who together with Deacon Mark, were actively present at their Confirmation Mass. Deacon Mark was the only deacon present; he was the assisting deacon during Mass - he proclaimed the Gospel and helped at the altar. Thank you, Fr. Paul and Deacon Mark. Helen and I wish to extend our immense thanks to the entire St Paul's parish community for supporting them throughout this journey. In a special way, I wish to wholeheartedly thank Sue Dettman, Jack Black Barb Rehberg and Jeanne Leo who volunteered at the Cathedral for the Confirmation Mass. St Paul's Church was the only parish that had volunteer greeters. In fact, St Paul's Church took the lead during the Confirmation Mass: we had a concelebrating priest, an assisting deacon, a server, the reader for the Second Reading -Bryan Kelly, one of the readers for the Universal prayer -Bella Pumputis, an usher and greeters. My immense gratitude goes equally to the Marthas, for the baked goods which were used for the reception that followed the Confirmation Mass and for the reception that followed the award of the Confirmation certificates. Thank you to all.



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### 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 by June 19th.

### Ministry Schedule for June 14 & 15, 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	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Cindy Rutan	Bob Slon	Elizabeth Randisi
ЕМНС	Ellen Oinen Christine Grant	Margaret Milner DA Hutnick	Fred Compertore Ellen Santora
Greeters	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	Jack Black DA Hutnick	Nancy Willard Anne LaClair
Lectors	TBD	TBD	TBD
Linens	Pat Rotundo No specific time for pick up		
Sacristans	Sue Dettman	Eileen Turner	Laure Barr
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Sue Muto	Chris Yuskiw
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Herb Gauch Dan Milner	Fred Compertore George Hanley

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