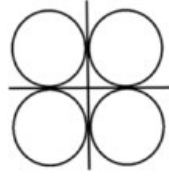


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

March 12, 2023 Third Sunday of Lent

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.
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, March 13

Lenten Weekday

8:30A Mass

3:00P Finance Council mtg.

Tuesday, March 14

Lenten Weekday

8:30A Mass

11:00A Staff mtg.

12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, March 15

Lenten Weekday

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 16

Lenten Weekday

8:30A Mass

11:00A Together in Grief

5:30P Lenten Soup Supper

6:30P Guest speaker: Deacon Mark "Holy Week Through the Heart of Mary"

Friday, March 17

Lenten Weekday

St. Patrick's Day

No Abstinence (Dispensation granted)

No Mass

Saturday, March 18

Lenten Weekday

Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services

10:00A Prayer Shawl

12:30P Confirmation Prep

Community Service years 1 & 2

1:30P First Reconciliation

2:00P Individual Confession

2:30P Confirmation Prep

confession year 2

3:00P Confirmation Prep class year 2

4:00P Mass-choir sings

Sunday, March 19

4th Sunday of Lent

Special Collection: Catholic Relief Services

9:00A Mass

10:00A SOR Classes

10:00A Confirmation Prep Class year 1

11:00A Mass

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Parish Council Chair: Linda D'Antonio

Parish Trustees: 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.)

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Diocese of Rochester: www.dor.org



Financial Snapshot

	February 2023	July 2022-February 2023
Collections	\$33,075	\$331,353
Donations/ other revenue	\$7,357	\$49,327
Expenses	\$58,347	\$414,236
Operating surplus/deficit	\$17,915	\$(33,525)

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman

Josh Bartlett

Zach Bartlett

Andrew O'Brien

Bryan Gross

Cydney Blong

Tom Weisenreder

Michael J. Desiato

Mason Serrano

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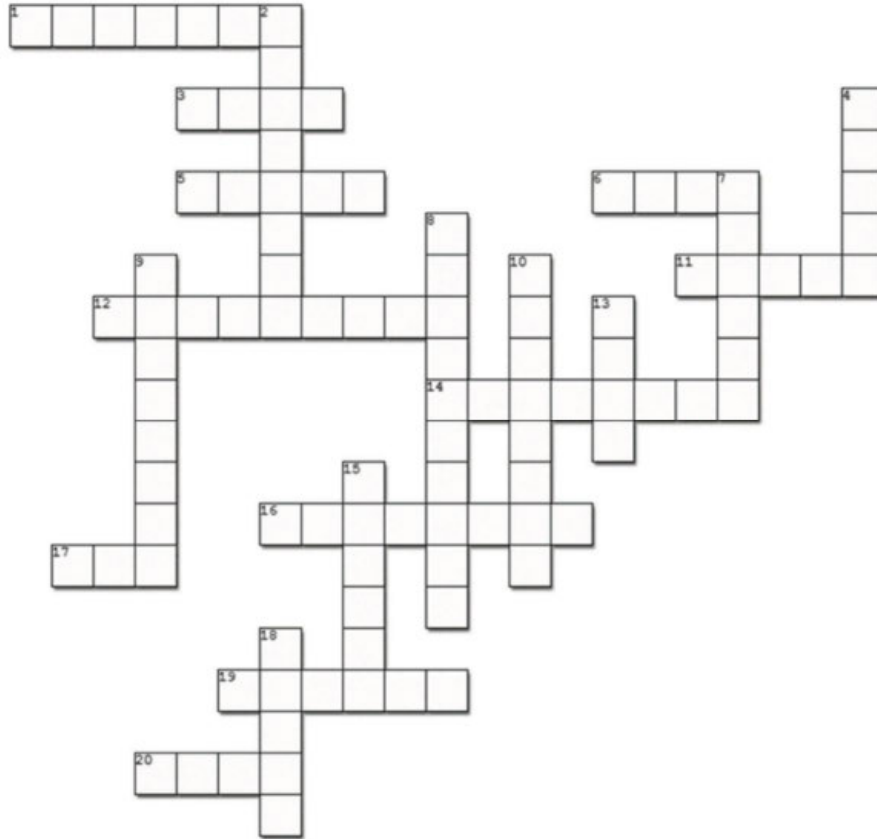
Jay Riesenberger



**This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Tammy Serio-Miller &
Anthony & Elizabeth
DeStefano
From
Vic & Carol Serio & family**

Seeds for the Journey

A few weeks ago while leaving Mass a couple joked with me about doing the crossword puzzle in the bulletin. My first thought, "that's my next Seeds article"! So, in celebration of Lent, and in response to the request of the parishioners, or at least two parishioners, here is a fun way to learn more about Lent. Your reward for completing this mission is a donut at the next donut Sunday.



Across:

1. Pilate's wife who dreamt that Jesus was innocent.
3. Easter liturgical colors are white and _____.
5. Ashes for Ash Wednesday come from last year's _____.
6. According to the Gospel of Luke, Jesus rode a _____ into Jerusalem.
11. Fasting is no longer required age _____ and older.
12. Mary _____ was the first to see Jesus after he rose from the dead.
14. Lent ends at the start of Holy _____ Mass.
16. There are _____ Stations of the Cross.
17. The organization that supplies the Lenten rice bowls (acronym).
19. _____ of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin, provided a tomb for Christ to be buried in.
20. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, along with abstaining from meat you should also _____.

Down:

2. _____ is not said during Lent.
4. Number of days between Easter and Pentecost.
7. Judas betrayed Jesus for _____ silver pieces. (Today that is equivalent to \$91-441 depending on the silver given.)
8. Jesus quoted Psalm _____ while hanging from the cross.
9. The prisoner Pilate released instead of Jesus.
10. Before Jesus was crucified Pilate had Him _____.
13. "Remember you are _____ and to _____ you shall return." (Same word)
15. The liturgical color during Lent is _____.
18. The number of days during Lent.

Katie

Good Sam Outreach Lenten Food Drive Week 3

St. Joseph House of Hospitality

St. Joe's is a long standing resource in the city of Rochester providing essential assistance with basic necessities for many of the most vulnerable among us. Their food program is in need of the following:

- Canned beans & pork & beans
- Canned fruit & vegetables
- Canned meat (tuna, chicken & ham)
- Hearty soups
- Pasta & spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter & jelly

Please place your bagged donations in the food collection box in the Narthex.

Donation lists are published weekly in the bulletin and are available on our website. Thank you for your support.

Youth Lenten Retreat

All those from 6th to 12th grade are invited to join the Confirmation candidates for their Lenten Retreat on Saturday March 25, from 10 am to conclude with the Saturday evening Mass. We shall provide a donut breakfast, lunch and snacks. This will be a great spiritual opportunity to spend time with God in prayer, recollection and spiritually prepare for Easter. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board.

Operation Rice Bowl From Farming to Fishing



Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a

Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provide nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora's granddaughters to attend school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal or spiritual life that have benefited others? Visit St. Paul's website and look for the CRS Rice Bowl slider on the home page.



Together in Grief

Are you interested in finding a new hobby? Discovering a new passion? Join Together in Grief, St. Paul's Bereavement group on Thursday, March 16th at 11:00 AM as we explore *Finding New Passions*. All who are grieving the loss of a loved one are welcome to join us for a meeting of discovery and connection.

Coffee and Catholicism



If you have not watched the series **The Chosen**, you are missing out on wonderful cinematography and writing which allows you to grow in your faith and become closer to Christ. Join parish adults as we continue our journey with Christ and His chosen on Tuesday, March 21st at 9:15 AM, for the next episode of **The Chosen**. This month we are viewing season 1, episode 6 entitled *Indescribable Compassion*. Snacks and coffee will be provided. Rosary Group will follow at 10:45 AM.

Rosary Group

Lent is a time to increase your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This Lent we invite you to increase your prayer life by joining the Rosary Group for weekly recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries. We meet at 12:00 on Tuesdays, with the exception of Tuesday, March 21st when we will be meeting at 10:45 AM following Coffee and Catholicism.

Soup Supper

Join us for St. Paul's Lenten Soup Supper on Thursday, March 16th from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. in the parish hall. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the parish office.

After the Soup Supper you are invited to attend Deacon Mark's presentation on the "Holy Week Through the Heart of Mary" in rooms 7 and 8.

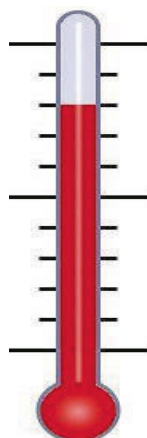
Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Next weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC, and help Jesus in disguise!

Please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Catholic Relief Services" in the memo. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Paul's CMA Update

Your CMA gift supports ministries that affect every Catholic in our Diocese. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's in this year's campaign.



Goal
\$105,000

Pledged
\$83,801.50

79.81%
of our goal

Question of the Week

Dear editor, does the current Church's law oblige me to attend Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation?

Dear reader, the third commandment obliges us to keep the Lord's Day holy. As Christians, Sunday is the Lord's Day (*Dies Domini* in Latin) because Christ rose on Sunday. Every Sunday is considered a 'mini-Easter.' During Easter, Christians celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, who rose from the Dead conquering sin and death, and restores new life. The Church expects all Christians who are not ill/sick to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. The faithful must also refrain from work or affairs that inhibit the worship due to God on that day. This second obligation is particularly difficult given the circumstances of modern living; however, rather than dismissing it as an unrealistic expectation, it would be better to see it as a call to Christian witness amid an increasingly secular world. If a Christian cannot physically attend Mass on Sundays due to health reasons, it is strongly advised that he/she should participate online. Our parish, St Paul's Webster, livestreams all Masses on Sunday.

Due to the health risks posed by COVID-19, midway through Lent 2020, Bishop Matano together with other US bishops temporarily dispenses Catholics from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. This dispensation was rescinded in May 2023, 2021, by the bishops of the upstate dioceses of Buffalo, Ogdensburg, Syracuse and our own diocese of Rochester. Now, we are all obliged to attend Mass on Sundays. According to Bishop Matano, participation in Mass should not be seen as a burden, but rather as a blessing and an extraordinary opportunity to be with the Lord.

If you have any doctrinal or faith-based questions you would like included in the bulletin, kindly email your questions to either Jodie Hickey at jodie.hickey@dor.org or Anselm Mesue at anselm.mesue@dor.org.

From the John Walsh Library

Cronin, Gaynell B.

The Blessing Candles

People all over the world use rituals to mark important events, both joyful and tragic. The authors have created 58 prayer-celebrations suitable for use by families and also suitable for larger groups. Each celebration includes a gathering prayer, the lighting of two candles, a reading and a prayerful response to the reading, reflection questions, and a sending prayer. Each celebration will take about ten minutes. There are rituals to reflect on common occurrences, on special events like birthdays and anniversaries, difficult times like illness or quarrels, and specific times of the year, such as Lent and Easter.

(Call No. 242-CRO)

Easter Flowers Memorials



An Easter Flower envelope has been included in the March/April envelope packet. The flower memorials will be included in the Easter bulletin.

We will use the parishioner info from the front of the envelope to note who the memorial is from, so if you want something different listed, please write that as well.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's". You may send it in any time, with a deadline of **Monday, March 27** to be included in the bulletin. If you have any questions please call Kasey or Jodie at 671-2100 or by email kasey.baker@dor.org or jodie.hickey@dor.org.

Social Justice Committee

Are you interested in making a difference in our community? St. Paul's Church is looking to form a social justice team to work with area parishes to fight racism and for the rights of the oppressed. If you are interested in joining this committee please email Katie Van Damme at katie.vandamme@dor.org or see her after Mass for more information.



Lenten Penance Service With Individual Confession

Thursday, March 23
at 6:30 p.m.

Ministry Schedule for March 18 & 19

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	Ryan Bacchetta, Morgan Tara Emma Rosa, JP Bernier Jackson Bernier	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Katie Yuskiw Chris Yuskiw
Cantors	Cindy Rutan	Elizabeth Randisi	Bonnie Serio
EMHC	Sue Dettman Christine Grant	Jack Black TBD	Nancy Willard Ellen Santora
Greeters	Theresa Augsburg Diana Kemp	Jeanne Leo Pat Amedeo	Jean Van Apeldoorn Nancy Willard
Lectors	Any/Claudia Swinson	Ethan Navarette	Tim Thomas
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Christine Grant	Turner Family	Sharyn LiPari
Stream Team	John Kosel	Lou Rotundo	Chris Yuskiw
Ushers	Sue Dettman, Alice Bower, Addison Terrana, Isabella Cordaro	Charlotte Brunswick Cameron Heisinger	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed



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St. Paul's VBS
July 17-21
9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Registration forms can be printed
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across from the parish office.
Cash or check only please.

Holy Week 2023

Chrism Mass

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Tuesday, April 4
6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday

April 6
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 7
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

April 8
Blessing of Food for Easter - 11:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 9
Mass - 9:00 a.m.
Mass - 11:00 a.m.



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