

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

March 17, 2024 Fifth 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.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"And when I am lifted up
from the earth, I will draw
everyone to myself."
- Jn 12:32

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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.

**Monday, March 18****Lenten Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, March 19**St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30A Mass with anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

6:00P Parish Pastoral Council mtg.

Wednesday, March 20**Lenten Weekday**

No Mass

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00A Memorial Mass

7:00P Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 21**Lenten Weekday**

8:30A Mass

11:00A Together in Grief

5:30P Lenten Soup Supper

6:15P Adoration & Eucharistic Benediction

Friday, March 22**Lenten Weekday****Abstinence**

No Mass

Saturday, March 23**Lenten Weekday**

11:00A Confirmation Lenten Retreat

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

5:00P Confirmation Prep yr. 2 parent & student mtg.

Sunday, March 24**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord****No Confirmation Prep class**

9:00A Mass

10:00A SOR classes

10:00A Parent/Adult Faith Talk: "Sacraments at the Service of Communion: Matrimony & Holy Orders"

11:00A Mass-Choir sings

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8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday

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

	February 2024	July-February 2024
Collections	\$44,798	\$354,912
Donations/ other revenue	\$5,144	\$43,881
Expenses	\$36,889	\$352,632
Operating surplus/deficit	\$13,053	\$46,162

**Let Us Pray
for Those in the Military**

Jason Aman

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Bryan Gross

Cydney Blong

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Andrew Zani

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Jay Riesenberger



*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
John Serio
From
Wife, Bonnie & family*

Seeds for the Journey

Drawing nearer to the Sacred Triduum

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. This Sunday was previously called "Passion Sunday." Palm Sunday is now referred to as Passion Sunday. However, this Sunday marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent. This is also the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week, which starts on Palm Sunday. This is also the third Sunday of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. This year, we have one candidate who will receive all three sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil Mass here at St Paul's. Fr Paul will confer these sacraments on Ava, who is taking on the name Maria Goretti. Let us pray for Ava as she prepares to fully embrace Christianity. May she become a faithful disciple of Jesus, whose risen life we are preparing to celebrate at Easter.

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church gives us the option of covering sacred images and crosses. According to the Roman Missal, The practice of veiling images alerts us that something is different, it also reminds us to get ready for the Sacred Triduum (the sacred three days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). These veiled images build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. In the Gospel for this Sunday, we see Christ who is acknowledging that his time is near. Christ reminds himself of why he came on earth. Of course, we know that God became man to win salvation for all of us. This salvation was won through suffering and eventual death on the Cross. It is the sacred mysteries of Christ's passion, death and resurrection that we celebrate during Holy Week. In the Gospel passages we shall read during this week at Mass, we shall observe how the tension is building up between Christ and the Jewish religious and political leaders; this eventually ends with his arrest, condemnation by Pilate, and eventual passion and death. As we approach the end of the season of Lent, let us remind ourselves of the promises we made on Ash Wednesday and our Lenten observations of prayer, fasting and thanksgiving. If we have not yet been able to carry out these Lenten practices or keep our Lenten promises, we still have time to live out the Lenten obligations and practices. During this weekend's Masses, the faith formation programs shall bring in their Lenten Food bags.

This year, 9 Confirmation candidates shall receive the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Matano On Wednesday May 1. Let us continue to pray for them as they make this giant step in their faith lives. On Sunday May 5, 9 School of Religion students shall receive their First Communion, marking another giant step in their young faith journey. Our parish stations of the Cross this year led by the Confirmation candidates was very successful. If you were unable to join us, kindly consider praying the stations of the Cross by yourself. It is a great prayer to journey with Christ during this special season.

Let us pray that as Easter approaches, we may continue to work together and build a stronger faith filled community.

Anselm

Operation Rice Bowl Embodying the Love of Christ by Caring for One Another



Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Just a reminder, that Rice Bowls are due next weekend, March 23 & 24. There will be baskets in the Narthex designated for Rice Bowl's.

Good Sam Outreach Lenten Food Drive Week 5

Webster Backpack

The Webster Backpack program provides over 100 bags each week to children in the seven Webster elementary schools to supply weekend food to address food insecurity that affect kids in our community. They are in need of the following:

- Canned soup, fruit & pasta (ravioli, etc.)**
- Granola bars**
- Instant oatmeal & small cereal boxes**
- Mac & cheese**
- Pasta & spaghetti sauce (plastic jars)**
- Peanut butter & jelly (plastic jars)**

Please place your bagged donations in the collection box in the Narthex. Donation lists are published weekly in the bulletin and are available on our website.



Bring the whole family and join us at our last Lenten Soup Supper on Thursday, March 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your favorite soup, bread or macaroni and cheese to share. Following the Soup Supper you are invited to attend Eucharistic Adoration, refection on Jesus' Last Words concluding with Benediction at 6:15 p.m. in the worship area. Sign up today on the bulletin board across from the parish office.

Holy Week 2024

Chrism Mass

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Tuesday, March 26
6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday

March 28
Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:30 p.m.

Good Friday

March 29
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

March 30
Blessing of Food for Easter - 11:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil - 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

March 31
Mass - 9:00 a.m.
Mass - 11:00 a.m.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Catholic Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. This collection also helps to preserve sacred shrines. Wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Church and add Pontifical Good Friday Collection in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Paul's Question of the Week

Question to the editor: Dear editor what is the origin of the custom of veiling images during the last two weeks of Lent?

Dear reader, the veils used to cover images during Lent are usually made of lightweight purpose cloth without any decoration. This custom of veiling images hails from the former liturgical calendar in which the Passion was read on the fifth Sunday of Lent (hence called "Passion Sunday") as well as on Palm Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, and Good Friday. For this reason, the period following the Fifth Sunday of Lent was called Passiontide. This custom of veiling images helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption. This practice which probably originated in Germany in the ninth century, was a remnant of the ancient practice of public penance in which the penitents were ritually expelled from the Church as the beginning of Lent.

Question to the editor: Dear editor, I noticed that we have a candidate this year for Christian Initiation who will receive all three sacraments at the Easter Vigil. How is the season of Lent associated with preparing for Baptism?

Dear reader, as you must have seen, Ava is currently preparing for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation to be celebrated at the Easter Vigil. She did her first scrutiny during the third Sunday of Lent and will do the next two during the next fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. The Season of Lent has a twofold character: the baptismal and the penitential. The first purpose of Lent is that it is the final preparation period for the Catechumens who will be baptized at Easter and for the candidates who will be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter. For the baptized, Lent is our annual 40-day retreat when the Church summons us to conform ourselves more closely to Jesus through the ancient penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving or works of mercy.

Diocesan Chrism Mass

Bishop Matano extends a warm invitation to all parishioners to attend the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. We encourage you to attend as a part of Holy Week sacred liturgies.

Holy Thursday Foot Washing

To be people of the Eucharistic table is to be people willing to bend down in humble service to all. During the Holy Thursday Mass we are all invited to follow the command of Jesus to wash each other's feet. If you will participate, please wear shoes and socks that are easy to remove.

From the John Walsh Library

Hamilton, Adam

24 Hours That Changed the World



No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. Adam Hamilton takes us step by step through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. He describes the atmosphere surrounding the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus.

He encourages us to put ourselves in the position of every person who had a significant impact on what happened during those last hours. So we become Judas, Peter, John, Pilate, the Council, and many others. We are asked to seriously consider our own human weaknesses and prejudices, and to embrace our plan to become closer to God as we move further along our faith walk. We cannot really appreciate Easter until we have been to the cross. It is only when we have seen the full extent of the evil on display there that we can begin to appreciate the triumph that is Easter.

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John Walsh Library

In addition to the Contemporary Writers Bishop Barron, Joan Chittister, Matthew Kelly, and Father James Martin, the cart in the JW Library has been updated with Lenten/Easter books for both adults and children.

The second shelf has reflections on Lent, the Stations of the Cross, and the Resurrection. It also contains two NY Times bestsellers "Killing Jesus" by Stephen Mansfield and "Iscaiot" by Tosca Lee.

The bottom shelf has Childrens books about Easter and Bible stories. Check out "Benjamin's Box" and "The Donkey That No One Could Ride". Great books to use to introduce this season to children or grandchildren.



Ministry Schedule for March 23 & 24, 2023

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	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Cantors	Bob Slon	Elizabeth Randisi	Tom Napoli
EMHC	Christine Grant Ellen Oinen	Margaret Milner Trisha DeBacco	Anne LaClair Cindy Ottina
Greeters	Bill Galbraith Patrice DeAngelis	Corey Volo Jeanne Leo	Jean Van Apeldoorn Anne Hauber
Lectors	Barb Robbins	Peg Barry	Melanie Mancuso
Linens	Julie Shick (No specific time for pick up)		
Sacristans	Christine Grant	Pat Rotundo & Mary Fitch	TBD
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Tom Napoli	Chris Yuskiw
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Don Black Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sunday, July 28, 2024

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

St. Paul's Church

(Rain Date: Sunday, 8/4)

Please join us for our St. Paul's summer parish picnic celebrating family, fellowship, and fun!

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!



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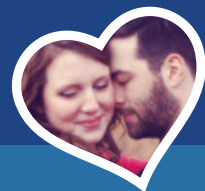
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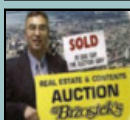
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