

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

March 19, 2023 Fourth 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.



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that
they had thrown him
out, he found him and
said, "Do you believe in
the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

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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.

Upcoming Events



Monday, March 20
St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:30A Mass
 11:00A Book Club

Tuesday, March 21
Lenten Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 9:15A Coffee & Catholicism
 10:45A Rosary Group
 6:00P Parish Pastoral Council mtg.

Wednesday, March 22
Lenten Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 23
Lenten Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 5:30P Lenten Soup Supper
 6:30P Lenten Penance Service with individual confession

Friday, March 24
Lenten Weekday
Abstinence
 No Mass

Saturday, March 25
The Annunciation of the Lord
 10:00A Confirmation Prep Retreat for years 1 & 2
 2:00P Individual Confession
 4:00P Mass
 5:00P Confirmation Parent mtg.

Sunday, March 26
5th Sunday of Lent
 9:00A Mass
 10:00A SOR Classes
 10:00A Confirmation Prep Class year 1
 11:00A Mass-Rite of Enrollment for First Holy Eucharist
 11:00A Choir sings during Mass

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 (closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)

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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	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	
Jay Riesenberger	



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

Seeds for the Journey

This weekend the Church takes up the annual Bishop's overseas funding appeal, otherwise known as The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Below is a summary of the work this collection supports, derived from the USCCB website: <https://www.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection>. Note that the collection supports five organizations in addition to Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

Here is an example of CRS programing supported by the collection. Sophie, a widow working in a village in Burkina Faso, was struggling to feed her family and pay for schooling for her children. Thanks to the help of Catholic Relief Services, one of the CRSC-supported organizations, her village was able to set up a Savings and Internal Lending Community (SILC). Through the SILC, members contribute what they can afford, allowing them to pool their resources and save collectively. Members can then borrow money to meet pressing needs or develop business opportunities. Through the SILC, Sophie was able to take out a \$200 loan to cover startup costs for her own canteen, a sum that would be nearly impossible for her to save. Her canteen has been very successful and began to pay off in only six months. Her community has benefited too, as she has been able to hire three assistants to work with her. Without the SILC and the work of CRS, it would have been nearly impossible for her, and others like her, to create a sustainable life for her and her family.

Persecution of Christians and other religious minorities by extremist groups such as ISIS in the Middle East has forced families to flee their homes with few possessions or resources. Through generous contributions to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, as well as the efforts of bishops to engage policy makers to protect these vulnerable families, we are providing badly-needed material and spiritual support to refugees here and abroad. A father, mother, and two sons from Iraq fled this persecution, and after living in a refugee camp in Indonesia while undergoing extensive security screening and interviews, they resettled in Massachusetts. Through support of the collection, volunteers welcomed the family, donated household items and furniture, and arranged reduced-rent housing during their transition. With ongoing support, refugees like this family find employment, learn English, and build new homes, far from the religious and political violence they faced overseas.

In keeping with the theme "Help Jesus in Disguise," the funds collected through The Catholic Relief Services Collection support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person.

Contributions to The Catholic Relief Services Collection are distributed to these six organizations:

Catholic Relief Services for international relief and development.

Migration and Refugee Services for refugee resettlement.

Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc. (CLINIC) for immigration legal services.

Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development for advocacy.

Holy Father's Relief Fund for emergency relief.

Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church for evangelization and ministry.

By supporting The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you help these organizations build richer lives for faithful around the world. The Catholic Relief Services Collection is promoted by staff of the Committee on National Collections. Collection funds are administered by the USCCB Administrative Committee.

I hope this summary helps your understanding of the kind of programing this collection supports. Thank you for all that you do to assist our brothers and sisters around the world who are not as well off as we are.

Deacon Mark



Lenten Penance Service With Individual Confession

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

Rosary Group

Lent is a time to increase your prayer, fasting, and alms-giving. 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.

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.

Operation Rice Bowl Sharing Success



Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult—and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a

water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others? Visit St. Paul's website and look for the CRS Rice Bowl slider on the home page.

Important Daily Mass Notice

There will be no daily Mass on the week of Monday, March 27th through Friday, March 31st. Fr. Paul will be in Texas attending The Pontifical Mission Society National meeting. Please note that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is also cancelled on Wednesday, March 29th.

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.



**Congratulations to the
following young people who
made their First Penance
on March 18th**

**Clara Decker
Mae Decker
Amelia Jagoda
James Jagoda
Mary Grace Maier
Sharon Wright**

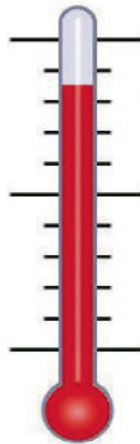
Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services

This 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 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
\$91,286.50

86.94%
of our goal

Question of the Week

Dear editor am I required to abstain from food before receiving Holy Communion?

Dear reader, thank you for your question. What you are asking about is called the **"Eucharistic Fast."** According to Church Law, "a person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine." In the past, that is before 1983, one was expected to fast from midnight. It involved a complete abstinence from all food and drink, including water and medicine from midnight. However, there were some exceptions, for example, a person who had been confined to bed for a month without sight of an early recovery could, if their confessor agreed, receive Holy Communion even if they has previously taken medicine or drink.

The Eucharistic fast now involves fasting from food or drink for at least once hour before receiving Holy Communion. Water and medicine do not break the fast. The qualification 'at least' means that one hour is the minimum; a person may reasonable fast for longer if they wished. One should not be scrupulous about the length of the one hour either.

Some Christians ask if the hour's fast begins one hour before Mass or one hour before they take Holy Communion. My opinion is that the one hour begins one hour before Mass starts; however, you should not be too scrupulous about this. If Mass was particularly long, then a person could continue eating up to the time of Mass and fast during the Mass.

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

Rohr, Richard

Job and the Mystery of Suffering

Job called it "the voice from the whirlwind;" Christians call it "the cross." It is the same pattern discovered by Anne Frank, Mohandas Gandhi, and Nelson Mandela. It is the question of why there is suffering in the world, even for those who lead a good and upright life. Richard Rohr explores the Book of Job, both in its historical setting and as an important message for today. If no meaning can be given to human suffering, if our wounds are not capable of becoming sacred wounds, humanity is surely doomed to a blaming war, with everyone against everyone else. Without the presence of Job and Jesus, our only question is "Who is to blame for my pain and my unhappiness?" But the restored Job and the risen Christ give witness to the reality of pain but also to a new sense of joy and freedom when we place faith and trust radically in God alone.
(Call No. 223.106-ROH)

Lenten Soup Supper

Join us for our next Lenten Soup Supper on Thursday, March 23rd 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 join us for our Lenten Penance Service with individual confession at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Dan Holland, Fr. Bill Leone & Fr. Bill Endres will assist Fr. Paul with listening to confessions

Good Sam Outreach Lenten Food Drive Week 4 Sister Regis Food Cupboard

Sister Regis Food Cupboard operates in the Bay Street area of Rochester providing neighborhood residents with help in securing their dally food needs. They are requesting the following:

- Canned fruit & baked beans
- Canned meat (tuna, chicken & ham)
- Pasta & spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Rice (1 or 2 lb. bags)

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.

Ministry Schedule for March 25 & 26

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 Nick Johnson Jackson Bernier Andrew Rosa	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Katie Yuskiw Josh Tara
Cantors	Bonnie Serio	Cindy Rutan	Tom Napoli
EMHC	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Greeters	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	Jack Black DA Hunick	Ellen Santora Anne LaClair
Lectors	Margie Richardson	Gabriella Nuwer	Kay Vargo
Linens	Julie Shick (No specific time for pick up)		
Sacristans	Christine Grant	Turner Family	Sharyn LiPari
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Sue Muto	George Hanley
Ushers	Sue Dettman, Alice Bower, Addison Terrana, Isabella Cordaro	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed



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Easter Flowers Memorials



It's not too late to honor or remember your loved ones with an Easter Flower memorial. The flower memorials will be included in the Easter bulletin.

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.

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.



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