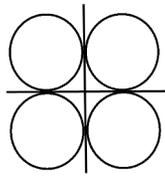


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

**March 22, 2026 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 he had  
said this, he cried out  
in a loud voice,  
"Lazarus, come out!"  
- Jn 11:43

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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 Events

**Monday, March 23**

**Lenten Weekday**

8:30A Mass

**Tuesday, March 24**

**Lenten Weekday**

**Diocesan Day of Penance & Mercy**

**No Rosary Group**

8:30A Mass with anointing

9:00-11:00A Confession

12:00-2:00P Confession

6:00-8:00P Confession

**Wednesday, March 25**

**The Annunciation of the Lord**

**No Choir Rehearsal**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00P Bible Study

**Thursday, March 26**

**Lenten Weekday**

8:30A Mass

11:00A Staff mtg.

12:00P Staff Liturgy Walk

Through mtg.

5:30P Lenten Soup Supper

6:30P Prayers & Reflections on Stations of the Cross

**Friday, March 27**

**Lenten Weekday**

**Abstinence**

No Mass

8:30A Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 28**

**Lenten Weekday**

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

**Sunday, March 29**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Good Sam Outreach Lenten**

**Food Drive Ends**

**Return Your Rice Bowls**

9:00A Mass

10:00A Confirmation Prep

classes yrs. 1 & 2

11:00A Mass

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**Emergency Number:** 369-9687

**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org

**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org



**Financial Snapshot**

	February 2026	July-February 2026
Collections	\$27,370	\$350,576
Donations/ other revenue	\$9,466	\$45,995
Expenses	\$32,286	\$394,994
Operating surplus/deficit	\$4,551	\$1,577

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

Jason Aman

Josh Bartlett

PJ Lajoie

Cydney Blong

Tom Weisenreder

Michael J. Desiato

Mason Serrano

Daniel Thomas

Andrew Zani

Robert Wright

Jay Riesenberger



*This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Katie Speicher  
from  
Mom, dad & John*

## Sacraments



### First Reconciliation (Penance)



### First Eucharist (Communion)

Preparation began in January continuing into the Lenten Season in which First Reconciliation will be received, completing during the Easter Season in which they receive First Eucharist.

The 10 Youth and their Families are committed to this sacramental preparation while completing the following:

- Parent's meeting
- Catechesis for the parents
- Catechesis for the candidates
- The Rite of Enrollment on 3/1/26, where The Youth said **YES** to their commitment and received a blessing. They believe that the community will be praying for them. Then each chose a prayer partner to support them in their journey.
- A workbook for each of the sacraments
- A workshop for each of the sacraments

#### First Reconciliation Workshop:

What happens to pepper (sins) when sprinkled on water (our heart) then touched with a Q-tip dipped in dish soap (Confession)?

#### First Eucharist Workshop:

Is there a visual difference between a raw egg and a cooked egg? Is there a visual difference between the unconsecrated bread (host) and the consecrated bread (Jesus)?

After receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (Penance), Saturday 3/21/26, with a clean heart they will be ready to uncross their arms and hold out their hands to receive Jesus at their 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist (Communion).

**Everett on 4/2/26 during the Easter Vigil!**

**Ella, Colton, Owen, Peyton, Corrigan, Gia, Bernardo, Olivia, and Arya on 4/12/26 during the 9:00am and 11:00am masses!**

*Please keep Them in your prayers as they continue their Faith Journey.*

**Thank you** to their dedicated parents who are the first teachers of the Catholic Faith. **Thank you** to Kristie Gross for providing the workshop catechesis. **Thank you** to their prayer partners and the community for prayers and dropping love and kindness gifts/notes into their prayer bags located on the bulletin board across from the office.

*Helen*



CRS RICE BOWL  
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



## Embracing God's Love, United in Generosity

God created man and woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred and reflects God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. Our support of CRS Rice Bowl provides hope and opportunity to families around the world. Let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can help our sisters and brothers fulfill their potential. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-5](http://crsricebowl.org/week-5) to read this week's Story of Hope.

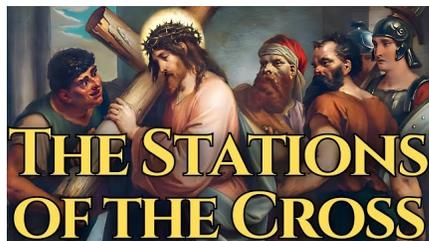
Rice Bowls are due next weekend March 28 & 29. There will be baskets in the Narthex designated for Rice Bowl's. If contributing in the form of a check, please make the check payable to St. Paul's Church with Operation Rice Bowl in the memo line. You may put your check in the offering boxes or donation slot in the worship area.

**Volunteers  
needed**

We are looking for individuals to help in specific tasks for the planning of St. Paul's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2027. If you are interested in hearing more about this, please contact either:

Kevin Olifiers: 585-472-1047

Jack Black: 585-315-8615



Friday, March 27 at 8:30 a.m. in the worship area.

## Holy Week 2026

### Chrism Mass

March 31

Sacred Heart Cathedral

6:00 p.m.

### Holy Thursday

April 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper

6:30 p.m.

### Good Friday

April 3

Stations of the Cross

8:30 a.m.

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

3:00 p.m.

### Holy Saturday

April 4

Blessing of Food for Easter - 11:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m.

### Easter Sunday

April 5

Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Mass - 11:00 a.m.

## 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. We meet at 12:00 on Tuesdays in the worship area. All are welcome.

## Diocesan-Wide Day of Penance & Mercy

Tuesday, March 24

### Confession Times at St. Paul's:

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

Noon-2:00 p.m.

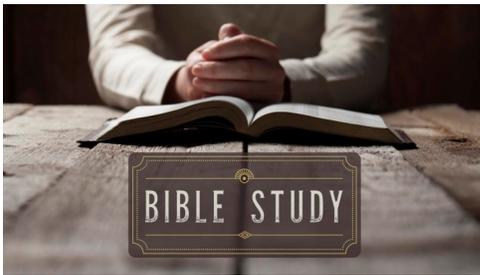
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in progress all day



Bishop Bonnici extends a warm invitation to all parishioners to attend the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 31st at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. We encourage you to attend as a part of Holy Week sacred liturgies.

*Hail*  
full of grace!  
The Lord is with you.



**Wednesday, March 25th at  
6:00 p.m. in the worship area**



**Dear friends at St. Paul's Church,**

We're excited to share with you the impact your clothing shed made over the last year. There was 99,697 pounds of clothing donated to your shed in 2025. This was enough to clothe an estimated 8,365 people all over the world. Based on this volume of clothing, St. Paul's received \$3,988.00.

Thank you so much for everything your community does to support St. Paul's Textiles clothing shed program!

**Sincerely,  
The team at St. Paul's Textile, Inc.**

## From the John Walsh Library

### How to Discern God's Will for Your Life

As a priest, and now a bishop, Bishop Barron often hears from people searching for God's direction in their lives. They wonder, what does God want me to do with my life? How can I be faithful to God in my day to day decisions? How can I hear God and be sensitive to his promptings?

We all ask these questions. They are a normal part of the Christian life. This eBook contains an edited transcript of an episode of "The Word on Fire Show" exploring these questions.

Read it slowly – at your own pace – and reflect on how God is leading you in your life. All discernment boils down to one ultimate goal: finding the path of greatest love. Let's seek that path together.

This eBook has been printed out and is available on the eBook shelf of the periodicals rack.

### The Stations of the Cross

We invite you to join us for the Stations of the Cross on Thursday, March 26. The Stations of the Cross will be led by the Confirmation Program. The season of Lent invites us to intense prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Observing the Stations of the Cross is one of the most cherished ways to journey through Lent. This prayer-event is an opportunity for us to reflect on Jesus's suffering and death on the cross. There are fourteen stations; they depict a series of 14 events that recount the condemnation, crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus.

The practice of the Stations of the Cross is rooted in pilgrimage. Early Christians traveled to Jerusalem to walk the Via Crucis—the route that Jesus followed on the way to his crucifixion in Calvary. They stopped at points along the way to reflect on Jesus's suffering.

Over time, Christian communities began recreating the *Via Crucis* in their own churches. By the 14th century, it became a common Lenten devotion, making this special pilgrimage more accessible to all Catholics

Through these stations, we are reminded that Jesus Christ understands our suffering and is always with us. As we walk alongside Jesus on the Stations of the Cross, we have an opportunity to consider Jesus's sacrifice and witness his love despite rejection, loneliness, and suffering.

## Ministry Schedule for March 28 & 29, 2026

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
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Cantors</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>EMHC</b>	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	Jack Black Margaret Milner	Ruth Prinzivalli <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Julie Shick Forest Shick	DA Hutnick Barb Rehberg	Anne Hauber Nancy Willard
<b>Lectors</b>	Dan Bower	Josephine Cozzo	Peg Berry
<b>Linens</b>	No linen pick up this week		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Christine Grant	Pat Rotundo & Mary Fitch	Sandy Happ
<b>Stream Team</b>	John Kosel	Lou Rotundo	George Hanley
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Green Alice Bower	Herb Gauch Dan Milner	Charlie & Nancy Carson <b>Volunteer Needed</b>



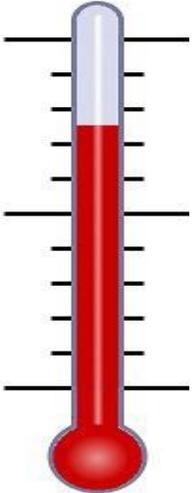
2025/2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

*Together We Bring Hope*

*...and Hope does not disappoint*



**Total as of:**  
3/17/26



**Goal**  
\$108,000

**Pledged**  
\$87,345.82

**%80**  
**of our goal**

The CMA shortage is \$20,655. Easter is almost here. We will have a second collection if we have not reached our goal.

### Our Spring Fundraiser!



Now through April 10

Purchase the following to support St. Paul Church

- Super Kiss Car Wash
\$18.00
- Super Interior Cleaning
\$35.00
- Semi-Synthetic Oil Change
\$50.00

Purchase your eCertificates at

[https://www.fundraiser.vip/tickets/purchase/2026\\_StPaulChurch](https://www.fundraiser.vip/tickets/purchase/2026_StPaulChurch)



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