

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!"
- Mk 11:9

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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 25
Monday of Holy Week
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, March 26
Tuesday of Holy Week
 8:30A Mass with anointing
 12:00P Rosary Group
 6:00P Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Wednesday, March 27
Wednesday of Holy Week
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00P Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 28
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Parish Office Closed at Noon
 6:30P Mass of the Lord's Supper (choir sings)

Friday, March 29
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Fast & Abstinence
Parish Office Closed
2nd Collection: Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land
 3:00P Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (choir sings)

Saturday, March 30
Holy Saturday
 11:00A Blessing of Food for Easter
 7:30P Easter Vigil (choir sings)

Sunday, March 31
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 9:00A Mass
 11:00A Mass

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 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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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	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
 Carole Olifiers
 From
 Connie Gurske*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

In our October, 28/29, 2023, bulletin article on liturgy, we stated that liturgy is, by its very nature, a human action inspired by the Holy Spirit as well as the action of Christ who makes himself present, enabling us to participate in His ongoing act of salvation. This action is most profoundly accomplished in the celebration of Mass during which we, the people of God, participate in the saving act of Christ's death and resurrection. We also stated that there are other forms of public worship, or liturgy, that the people of God engage in throughout the liturgical year, including that Liturgy of the Hours, previously discussed, and Eucharistic Adoration.

The practice of adoration of the Eucharist outside of Mass can be traced to the earliest days of the Church. As early as the second century, as the blessing of bread and wine evolved into an action separate from the common household meal, the consecrated Eucharistic elements were often reserved for those who were sick in the community. Through the second and third centuries, Christian Hermits (e.g., desert Monks) reserved the Eucharist in their dwelling places for reception between Masses, while some carried a portion of the Eucharist in a vessel hung around their necks for protection. At the same time, it was not uncommon for Popes and Bishops to send or transport the Eucharist from town to town to be consumed at Mass as a sign of the unity of the Body of Christ.

By the fourth century it became common practice to reserve the consecrated host in monasteries and convents for the sake of the sick and dying. Over the next several centuries, as the theology of the Eucharistic presence evolved in the face of numerous controversies, adoration, even at Mass, became the norm over and above consumption of the consecrated host. (This eventually led to the act of the priest elevating the consecrated host, followed by a period of "gazing" by the congregation.) By the sixteenth century, practices such as Eucharistic processions, praying before the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the Tabernacle, forty hours devotion, and extended periods of Eucharistic Adoration with the use of a monstrance - followed by Benediction, became common place. These practices were supported and encouraged by the declarations of popes (e.g., Gregory VII, Urban IV, Pious XII) and church councils (e.g., Trent, Vatican II). In addition, prayers, songs, and rituals were developed (e.g., Clement VIII, Thomas Aquinas) for the reverent exercise of these liturgical rites.

From its earliest days, as seen in the letters of Paul, the Church has proclaimed its belief in the real presence of the Risen Christ in the consecrated Eucharistic elements of bread and wine. This sacred presence is no less real in the Blessed Sacrament outside of the Mass. In fact, Eucharistic Adoration has its origins in, and is considered an extension of, the grace of the sacrifice of the Mass. Our most recent popes have all supported and encouraged adoration of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass as both an expression of our faith in the Eucharistic presence of Christ, as well as an opportunity for us to exercise and grow in that faith. As Pope Saint John Paul II stated in his "Ecclesia de Eucharistia" no. 25, *"The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass, we are able to make contact with the very wellspring of grace...It is pleasant to spend time with Jesus, to lie close to his breast like the Beloved Disciple (cf. Jn 13:25) and to feel the intimate love present in his heart."*

In his 2005 address to the Roman Curia, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI stated that Eucharistic Adoration is a personal encounter with the Lord that *"strengthens the social mission contained in the Eucharist, which seeks to break down not only the walls that separate the Lord and ourselves, but also and especially the walls that separate us from one another."* More recently, in a homily given at Santa Marta Residence in 2016, Pope Francis stated that *"one cannot know the Lord without the habit of adoring, of adoring in silence."*

From these papal insights, it seems clear that the liturgical practice of Eucharistic Adoration outside of Mass enhances our awareness of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Moreover, Eucharistic Adoration draws us more intimately into the embrace of Jesus, enhancing our relationship with the Risen Christ, while at the same time enhancing our relationship with one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. In addition, Eucharistic Adoration draws us more intimately into the paschal mystery of Christ, which we celebrate and partake in at Mass, enabling us to more fully live that mystery in our daily lives.

You are cordially invited to join us for an hour of adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday morning following 8:30 Mass!

Deacon Mark

Operation Rice Bowl Modern Day Simon of Cyrene



Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Don't forget to return your CRS Rice Bowl's to the designated baskets in the Narthex.



Good Sam Outreach Lenten Food Drive Week 6



Williamson Come-Unity Center

The Come-Unity Center assists hundreds of Wayne County residents annually with monthly food boxes as well as weekday lunches to go. They are in need of the following:

Bottled fruit juice (apple, tomato, grape)

Cereal

Canned tomatoes (diced/whole/sauce)

Pasta/spaghetti

Pork & beans

Canned peas, canned fruit

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.

Congratulations to the following young people who made their First Reconciliation on March 16th



Leo Black	Myles Gross
Olivia Black	Demi LeCesse
Keisha Bindal	Ava Pumputis
Dominic Cozzo	Santino Sutter
Giuliana DiPaola	



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 is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you 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.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



The Fast Life

Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.
Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.
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Feast on hope.
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Fast from bitterness;
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Fast from self-concern;
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Fast from suspicion;
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Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Fast from anxiety;
Feast on faith.
- Author Unknown

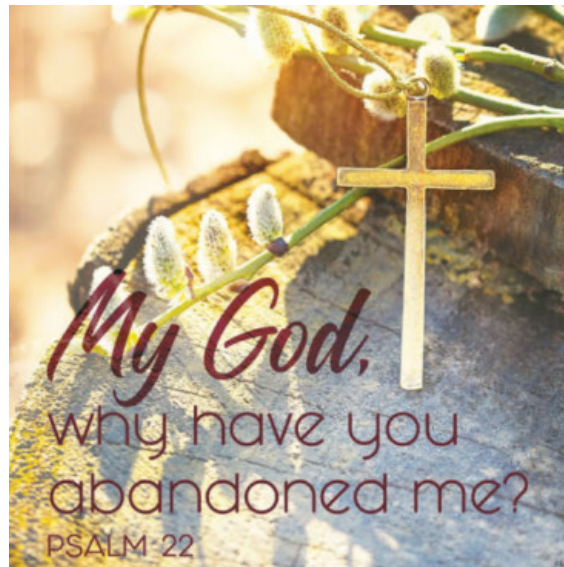


You are welcome to visit our Prayer Corner to pray with our Mother Mary and light a votive candle. The votives are electronic and will stay on for 5 days. Donations are optional. There are envelopes on the nearby shelf; please drop in the offering box.

Ministry Schedule for March 30 & 31, 2023

Due to the large amount of volunteers for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses the schedule is not posted in the bulletin this week. Please contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer or have a question regarding the schedule..

Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!



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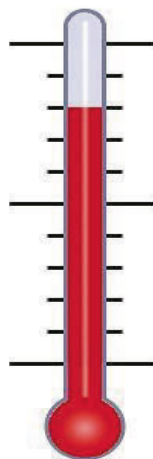
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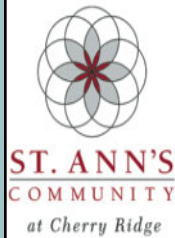


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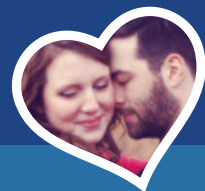
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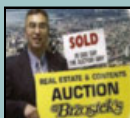
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