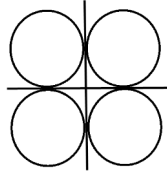


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

March 29, 2026 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

*Say to daughter Zion,
"Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass."
- Mt 21:5*

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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.



HOLY WEEK

Monday, March 30

Monday of Holy Week

8:30A Mass
6:00P Faith Formation Easter/
Triduum practice

Tuesday, March 31

Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30A Mass with anointing
9:00A Vac Pac
12:00P Rosary Group
6:00P Chrism Mass at Sacred
Heart Cathedral

Wednesday, April 1

Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament
7:00P Choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 2

**Thursday of Holy Week
(Holy Thursday)**

6:30P Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 3

**Friday of the Passion of the
Lord (Good Friday)**

Fasting & Abstinence

Parish Office Closed

8:30A Stations of the Cross
3:00P Commemoration of the
Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 4

Holy Saturday

Birthday Blessing during Mass

11:00A Blessing of Food for
Easter
8:00P Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrec-
tion of the Lord**

No Coffee & Donut Hr.

**Birthday Blessing during
Masses**

9:00A Mass
11:00A Mass



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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
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Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Millie D'Antonio
from
Michael & Elaine
Mosher*

Seeds for the Journey

Have you ever wondered how the Palm Sunday procession came to be? Well, historians inform us that its roots date back to the fourth century Christian community in Jerusalem. The early Christians re-enacted the entry of Jesus into the city with a procession which involved the singing of songs, including the Hosanna, while waving olive and palm branches as they entered the city. This ceremony slowly evolved over the years and by the seventh century it became an elaborate liturgical rite which included the blessing of palms. In Rome, the ceremony began with a Mass and the blessing of palms outside of the city walls. This was followed by a procession into the city to the Lateran Basilica where the Pope would celebrate a second Mass.

With the passing of time and the dispersion of the Palm Sunday celebration throughout the churches of Europe, the opening ceremony continued to evolve. While now involving only one Mass the opening ceremony included the blessing of palms at a chapel or holy site followed by a procession to the village Church. These prayerful processions often included the carrying of a crucifix, a wooden statue of Jesus on a donkey, or the Blessed Sacrament by the celebrating priest. As they approached the Church the congregation was greeted by a choir singing the hymn we know as "All Glory, Laud and Honor." The procession into the church was preceded by the throwing of clothing, flowers, and palm branches onto the floor while the Church bells rang and the choir sang the Hosanna. The palms were sometimes blessed with upwards of ten different blessings.

By the middle ages the beginning of Palm Sunday Mass sometimes involved a procession around the Church and its corresponding cemetery. With the singing of hymns the congregation would move throughout the cemetery and kneel at family graves. This was followed by a blessing of the cemetery by a priest and the subsequent ceremonial procession into the Church.

Today, while many of the historical hymns and texts have been retained, the blessing of palms and ceremonial procession take place primarily within the Church itself at the beginning of Mass, as has been the tradition here at St Paul's. But, while our ceremonial procession is not as elaborate as it once was, its sacred meaning remains. What our procession symbolizes, and what we celebrate, is the entrance of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem at the beginning of the Passover celebration. This was the day on which the people recognized Jesus as their King and Messiah in fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy: "Your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey" (Zech 9:9). It was also the day on which the Passover lambs were to be slaughtered. What we celebrate is the fact that Jesus, our Lord and King, freely chose to become the Passover lamb that was slaughtered for our sakes.

How appropriate it is that we begin our Palm Sunday celebration with the opening Antiphon (which is then proclaimed in the Gospel as Jesus enters Jerusalem): "Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest." These are the words we pray at every Mass at the beginning of the consecration (the Holy, Holy, Holy) as we celebrate the coming of Jesus our King into our midst, as he once again offers himself on the Altar as the Passover lamb who takes away the sins of the world.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final leg of our Lenten journey. While our entrance procession at the beginning of Mass may no longer be as elaborate as in days past, its significance remains the same as we begin to unfold the Paschal Mystery – the mystery of Jesus death and resurrection. Throughout the week we will have many opportunities to explore and immerse ourselves in the Paschal Mystery. This is especially so as we celebrate the Easter Triduum, the three-day long liturgy that begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continues with the veneration of the cross on Good Friday, and culminates with the great Easter Vigil on Saturday evening.

May our celebration of Holy Week unfold for us, in a very real and personal way, the Paschal mystery, the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, our King and our Lord.

Deacon Mark



Called to Share Bread for Life

Holy Week, a sacred time in the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and the joy of the resurrection to the world. Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

Parish Office Closed in Observance of Easter



Good Friday, April 3

Monday, April 6
(Fr. Paul will celebrate daily
Mass at 8:30 a.m.)



Pope Leo XIV 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.

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.

Holy Week at St. Paul's

Chrism Mass-March 31 at 6:00 p.m.:

Begin Holy Week by attending the Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral. During this liturgy Bishop Bonnici consecrates the Holy Chrism and blesses the oils of the sick and catechumens used for sacraments throughout the year.

Holy Thursday-April 2-Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30 p.m.:

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. Following Mass you are encouraged to adore the Blessed Sacrament for a suitable period of time. The church will remain open until 9:00 p.m. During your adoration, you may read the Word of God, recite the rosary or prayer or meditate on the Paschal Mystery and Holy Eucharist.

Good Friday-April 3:

Stations of the Cross at 8:30 a.m.: Start Good Friday beginning with Stations of the Cross. A fourteen-step devotion commemorating Jesus Christ's last day on Earth, focusing on his journey from being condemned to his burial.

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.: a solemn service commemorating Jesus' crucifixion and death, focusing on his saving sacrifice.

Holy Saturday-April 4:

Blessing of Food for Easter at 11:00 a.m.: Bring a food item such as bread etc. that you will share with your family and friends during an Easter Meal. Blessing of the food signifies the end of the strict Lenten fast and to dedicate the festive meal to God.

Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.: The premier, ancient liturgy celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus. It signifies the victory of light over darkness and life over death, including receiving new members into the Church

Easter Sunday-April 5:

Masses at 9:00 am. & 11:00 a.m.:

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Feast on encouragement.

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Feast on forgiveness.

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Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.

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

From the John Walsh Library

Bishop Barron on Original Sin

Bishop Barron calls the start of Lent a time of spiritual "spring training". It's time to get back to fundamentals.

This eBook is an edited transcript from a talk Bishop Barron gave to discuss the first reading for the first Sunday of Lent and has to do with the creation of human beings and the fall from grace in the garden. There is no better place to look for the fundamentals of spirituality than that story.

The eBook has been printed out and is available on the eBook shelf of the periodicals rack in the library.



Due to Easter Sunday, there is no Coffee & Donut Hour on April 5. Coffee & Donut Hour will resume on Sunday, May 3rd after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

St. Paul's Lenten Soup Supper



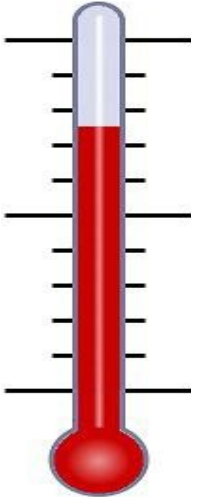
Ministry Schedule for April 4 & 5, 2026

Due to the large amount of volunteers for the Triduum and Easter Sunday Masses the schedule is not posted in the bulletin this week. Please contact the parish office if you have a question regarding the schedule.. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!



Total as of:
3/19/26

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\$108,000



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The CMA shortage is \$20,655. There will be a second collection during Masses on Easter Sunday.

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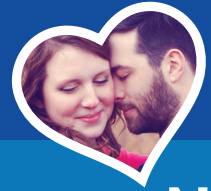
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