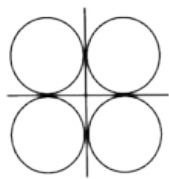


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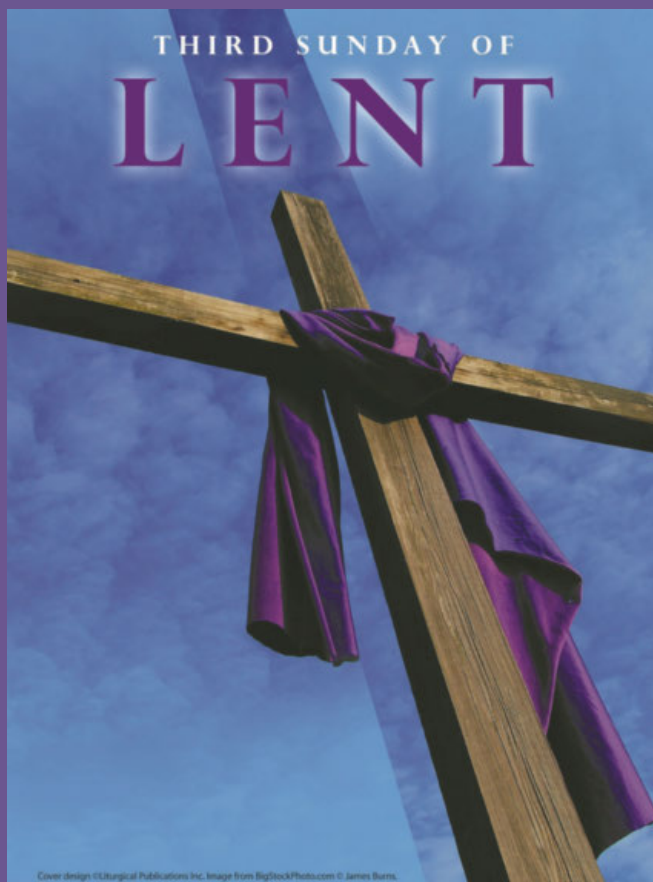


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**March 3, 2024 Third 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.



### 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 4****Lenten Weekday**

8:30A Mass

**Tuesday, March 5****Lenten Weekday**8:30A Mass with anointing  
12:00P Rosary Group**Wednesday, March 6****Lenten Weekday**8:30A Mass  
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00P Choir rehearsal**Thursday, March 7****Lenten Weekday**8:30A Mass  
5:30P Lenten Soup Supper  
6:15P Stations of the Cross**Friday, March 8****Lenten Weekday****Abstinence**

No Mass

**Saturday, March 9****Lenten Weekday****2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services**9:00A 1st Reconciliation Workshop  
2:00P Confession  
4:00P Mass**Sunday, March 10****4th Sunday of Lent****2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services****Daylight Saving Time Begins**9:00A Mass  
10:00A SOR classes  
10:00A Confirmation Prep yr. 1 only  
11:00A Mass**Parish Staff****Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau**Deacon:** Mark Robbins**Administrative Asst.:** Jodie Hickey x21**Adult Faith Formation Coordinator:****Business Manager:** Kasey Baker x30**Director of Faith Formation:** Anselm Mesue x27**Coordinator of Music:** John Gaspar**Faith Formation & Liturgy Assistant:** Helen Stirpe x26**Facilities Manager:** Ben O'Brien x28**Multi Parish Finance Director:** Joan Sullivan: 671-1100 x107**Finance Council Chair:** Tom Napoli**Parish Council Chair:** Linda D'Antonio**Parish Trustees:** Forest Shick & George Hanley

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8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

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**

	January 2024	July-January 2024
Collections	\$66,432	\$310,114
Donations/ other revenue	\$6,452	\$38,737
Expenses	\$67,710	\$322,864
Operating surplus/deficit	\$5,175	\$25,987

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*This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Joan Poprocki  
From  
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# Seeds for the Journey



This weekend we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Lent. We're almost half way through our Lenten journey. So I share this Lenten prayer with you:

Heavenly Father,  
As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to You. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the best version of myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear Your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in You. Help me to accept others, showing them Your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to You. Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to You through prayer this Lent. In Your name I pray,  
Amen.

Joan

## Sing With Our Choir



The St. Paul's Choir is preparing for upcoming liturgies and is seeking more members. Singers need to be 15 years or older and have choral (or instrumental) experience. Our Choir sings one Mass each weekend on a rotating schedule (Sat. at 4:00, Sun. at 9:00 or 11:00). We are now practicing music for Holy Week and beyond. Commit for a few weeks or months. Rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Please contact John Gaspar, Music Coordinator at: [john.gaspar@dor.org](mailto:john.gaspar@dor.org).

## Good Sam Outreach Lenten Food Drive Week 3

### St. Joseph's House of Hospitality

St. Joe's is a long-standing resource in the city of Rochester providing essential assistance for many of the most vulnerable among us. The food program is in need of the following.

**Canned beans, pork & beans**  
**Canned fruit & vegetables**  
**Canned meat (tuna, chicken, ham)**  
**Hearty soups**  
**Pasta & spaghetti sauce**  
**Peanut butter & jelly**

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.

## St. Paul's Lenten SOUP Suppers



**March 7**  
**March 21**



5:30-6:15 p.m. in the church hall

Bring the whole family and your favorite soup, bread or macaroni and cheese to share! Sign up today!

### Adult Faith Formation Programs During & Following the Soup Suppers

**March 7 @ 6:15 p.m.:**  
 Praying & Reflections on the Stations of the Cross

**March 21 @ 6:15 p.m.:**  
 Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection on Jesus' Last Words concluding with Benediction



Next weekend, March 9 & 10, our parish will join with Catholic parishes across the Diocese and country to take up the annual Catholic Relief Services collection.

This special national collection helps support the U.S. Catholic community's global social ministry carried out in our name by six U.S. Catholic agencies, including Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Migration and Refugee Services, U.S. Bishops' Justice, Peace and Human Development Ministry, and the Holy Father's Relief Fund. These agencies touch the lives of more than 100 million brothers and sisters all over the world annually.

This annual CRS collection is different from the traditional Lenten Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. The alms we contribute through Rice Bowl provide funding for specific projects while the annual CRS collection provides basic funding for the Catholic agencies. Thank you for your generous spirit.

### St. Paul's Question of the Week

**Question to the editor: Dear editor, how can we practice Almsgiving during Lent?**

Almsgiving is one of the three traditional practices of the season of Lent; prayer, and fasting are the other two. Almsgiving is contributing financially to those in need. Some parishes employ a means whereby the donation is given to assist the parish in the care of the poor. Here at St Paul's, we do the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl collection, Good Sam does a Lenten Food Drive, and the School of Religion and Confirmation programs will also do their own Lenten Collections. However, everyone has the ability to relieve the needs of those who are underprivileged through their local parish, diocesan or community shelters and soup kitchens. This can be done through a monetary or material contributions. When we give up certain foods, things and activities for Lent, the money we would have spent on those foods or things should be kept and then put together and given to the poor or to those in need during Easter. In effect, each person can do their own individual Lenten collections. Individuals can also decide to donate more to their weekly church contributions.

### Easter Flower Memorials



An Easter Flower envelope has been included in the March/April envelope packet. There are also envelopes available on top of the offering boxes in the back of church. The flower memorials will be included in the Easter bulletin.

We will use the parishioner info from the front of the envelope to note who the memorial is from, so if you want something different listed, please write that as well.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's". You may send it in any time, with a deadline of **Monday, March 18** to be included in the bulletin. If you have any questions please call Kasey or Jodie at 671-2100 or via email [kasey.baker@dor.org](mailto:kasey.baker@dor.org) or [jodie.hickey@dor.org](mailto:jodie.hickey@dor.org).

## From the John Walsh Library

**Mauriac, Francois**

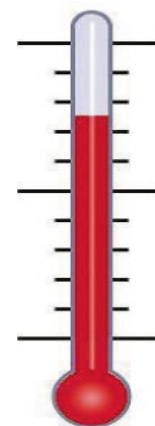
### Woman of the Pharisees

This is one of the classic works of fiction in the John Walsh Library. Francois Mauriac, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, was preoccupied with the conflict he found between flawed human nature and the goodness of God who promised salvation and eternal life. In this novel, he creates a vivid portrait of a self-righteous woman whose rigid religious principles lead her to interfere disastrously in the lives of others. Allowing no room for human frailty, she is certain she is doing God's will as she manipulates the people around her. But she acts out of vindictive zealotry, not love or compassion. A conscientious teacher, a saintly priest, her husband and stepdaughter, and an innocent schoolboy all become victims to her rigid idea of "perfection." As we strive for spiritual growth during this Lenten season, we need to guard against a smug belief in our own moral superiority. (Call No. FIC-MAU)



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## Ministry Schedule for March 9 & 10, 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
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>TBD</b> <b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b> <b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b> <b>TBD</b>
<b>Cantors</b>	Cindy Rutan	Elizabeth Randisi	Tom Napoli
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<b>Linens</b>	Pat Rotundo (No specific time for pick up)		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Christine Grant	Pat Rotundo & Mary Fitch	Sandy Happ
<b>Stream Team</b>	Rod Campbell	Jerry Healey	George Hanley
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>

### 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.

### **Operation Rice Bowl**

#### **Raising Chickens to Support Her Family**



Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit [csrcricebowl.org](http://csrcricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.

### **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.



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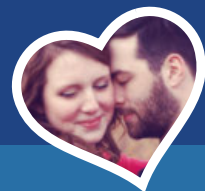
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