

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 EASTER**

"I know them,
and they follow me."
- Jn 10:27

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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.

The Church Calendar

Monday, May 12

Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass

3:00P Finance Council mtg.

Tuesday, May 13

Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass with anointing

11:00A Staff mtg.

12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, May 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir rehearsal

7:00P Good Sam Outreach mtg.

Thursday, May 15

Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass

11:00A Together in Grief

Friday, May 16

Easter Weekday

No Mass

Saturday, May 17

Easter Weekday

2nd Collection: Diocesan

Mission Sunday

9:30A Men's Group mtg.

10:00A Prayer Shawl

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, May 18

5th Sunday of Easter

2nd Collection: Diocesan

Mission Sunday

8:30A Confirmation Prep class yr. 2

9:00A Mass

10:00A SOR classes

11:00A Mass



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Financial Snapshot

	March 2025	July 2024-March 2025
Collections	\$25,740	\$382,320
Donations/ other revenue	\$5,200	\$35,580
Expenses	\$46,100	\$402,100
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(15,100)	\$15,800

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

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*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Louis Spina
From
Wife, Fran & family*

My intent for this Seeds article was to address the recent death of Pope Francis. However, I can say little more about Pope Francis than is said in the article below by Vinod Sekhar, that can be found on Radio Veritas Asia News entitled: *The Loss of a Good Man: A Tribute to Pope Francis and the Power of Universal Faith*.

I only met Pope Francis once. It was brief. There were just a few moments in a crowded room filled with dignitaries and seekers, some there out of duty, others out of belief. I was neither Catholic nor there on some divine pilgrimage. I was just a man in need of a little hope. And somehow, in that fleeting encounter, I received it.

It's hard to explain without sounding overly romantic, but when you're in the presence of someone truly good, not performatively good, not "publicly moral" or selectively kind, but genuinely, deeply, relentlessly good... something shifts in you. You feel lighter. You feel braver. You feel like humanity, for all its wounds and wickedness, is still worth fighting for.

That was the gift Pope Francis gave me. And I imagine, from the tears I've seen today and the aching silences of millions across faiths, races, and borders, that he gave that same gift to many. Today, we mourn not just the passing of a pope. We mourn the loss of one of the strongest chess pieces humanity had on this plane of existence. He was a man who made kindness radical again. Who reminded the powerful that humility was not weakness? Who spoke of love not as a doctrine but as a duty? He was more than just a religious man. He was something far rarer, he was universally spiritual.

I am a Hindu. My God is known by different names. My prayers come in different rhythms. I would have followed this man through fire. His faith in God carried a belief in all of us. His eyes didn't see denominations, they saw dignity. His voice, always soft but never weak, carried the weight of truth even when it unsettled the comfortable; especially when it unsettled the comfortable.

This world has a way of chipping away at your soul. The noise, greed, hate, and empty rituals that masquerade as faith, patriotism, or family values can erode your soul. It's easy to go numb. It's easy to give in to cynicism. However, occasionally, someone emerges who serves as a reminder that the nobler aspects of our nature remain accessible. That goodness is still possible; that we don't need to be perfect to do good, we just need to be brave. Pope Francis was that man.

He chose love over doctrine. He chose compassion over judgment. And most remarkably, he chose action over applause. He walked with the poor. He knelt before those being discarded. He challenged the powerful, not with anger, but with moral courage. And he did all of this with a smile that felt like a prayer. He understood something many religious leaders forget: God doesn't reside only in temples or churches or mosques. Holiness is not a physical location, but rather a lifestyle. It's a perspective on the world around us. A way of choosing kindness, over and over, even when it hurts.

So yes, today we mourn. I mourn. I mourn not only for the Catholic world, but for all of us. Because when a man like this leaves, it feels like a light has been dimmed. But maybe, just maybe, the way we honor him is by becoming the light ourselves.

Let us remember his faith in humanity, and let it fuel our own. Let us keep making the right chess moves in this complicated, brutal, beautiful game of life. Let us speak the truth with grace. Let us protect the vulnerable, question the powerful, and lift each other not because of who we are, but because we are here, together.

Pope Francis believed in a world where dignity wasn't conditional. Where faith was lived, not just preached. That world can still exist if we build it. And maybe that's the final gift he's given us. A call not to despair, but to duty. Because if we carry his belief in each other, then truly, he has not left us at all.

Vinod Sekhar is a Malaysian businessman. He is also the chairman and CEO at Petra Group.
See, (<https://www.rvasia.org/asian-news/malaysian-businessman-pays-tribute-pope-francis>)

Deacon Mark

Diocesan Mission Sunday



Next weekend during all Masses we will have a second collection for Diocesan Mission Sunday. The Church is called to proclaim Jesus Christ, who was crucified, died and is risen: through him God bestows "new life" that is divine and eternal. This is the "Good News" which changes people and history, and which all people have a right to hear.

We cannot be content when we consider the millions of our brothers and sisters who don't know Christ and the love of God yet. "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" says Jesus in John 13:34.

For over fifty years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. Next weekend, May 17th and 18th, we call upon you to help with your prayers and sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail. Thank you for your generosity!



Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

*God our heavenly Father,
you give to each the ability to share your generative love.
Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love
and bring forth life through their willingness
to risk bringing new life into this world.
Help us to show them our gratitude
for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.
May our life-giving God continue to bless them
and show them his unfailing love.
We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.
Amen.*

St. Paul's 10th Annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

FRIDAY, JUNE 13
4:00-6:00 p.m.
or until sold out



\$15 per dinner
(cash or check only)
Dinner includes:
1/2 chicken,
salt potatoes,
coleslaw,
roll & butter

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On Tuesday May 20, nine Confirmation candidates from St Paul will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Matano at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. Kindly pray for them as they make this important step in their faith journey. On Sunday May 25, they will receive their Confirmation certificates from Fr. Paul during the 9am Mass. They are:

Jerald Randisi

Isabelle Ebertz

Gianna Fullone

Bella Pumputis

Tanner Peters

Juliana Johnson

Lucy Rynkiewicz

Katelyn Becker

Bryan Kelly



Father's Day Flowers



We invite you to make a donation towards the purchase of plants and flowers to decorate the church, in memory or honor of your loved ones, for Father's Day.

Please make your check payable to "St. Paul's Church" and mark your donation "Father's Day Flowers" and include **who the donation is in memory of**; we will list them in the bulletin on Father's Day. Please have your requests to the office **by Monday, June 9th**.

Please contact Jodie or Kasey with questions at 671-2100 or email at jodie.hickey@dor.org or Kasey.baker@dor.org.



Knights of Columbus®

Join us at the McGivney Center on **Sunday, May 18th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** You and your family are invited to see what the Knights are all about. The Knights are guided by Four Core Principles: **Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism**. Our commitment to church and community activities drives us to be active and help fellow citizens.

Join us for coffee, tea, water, donuts cookies and hot dogs will be served at 11:30 p.m.



St. Paul's Candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation this year shall receive the sacrament from Bishop Matano at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Rochester, on Tuesday May 20, at 7pm. Parishioners who are interested are invited to attend.



ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Rain or Shine

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Please join us for our annual St. Paul's summer parish picnic celebrating family, fellowship, and fun!

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

May is the Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

All praise and glory are Yours, almighty Father:
You have given us Your Son Jesus to save us from sin.

We praise You for choosing Mary to be His mother, for teaching her to believe Your message, for helping her to accept Your holy will.

Strengthen us by Your Spirit to be like Mary:
to ponder Your word in our hearts,
to obey Your will, to love Your Son,
to sing Your praises every day.

Father, we praise You through Jesus Christ Your Son
in the love of Your Spirit,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Rochester Hope May Wish List

**Peanut butter, jelly, cereal,
diapers size: 4, 5, & 6, toothpaste,
single wrapped toothbrushes,
soap, sugar & salt**

Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex before or after Mass. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations on a regular basis. Thank you for your generosity.

Ministry Schedule for May 17 & 18, 2025

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	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Luca Picca Volunteer Needed	Lucy Rynkiewicz Chris Yuskiw
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EMHC	Cindy Ottina Mary Beth Speicher	Margaret Milner Josephine Cozzo	Gina McNamara Ruth Prinzivalli
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Lectors	Barb Robbins	Maggie Milner	Jann Armantrout
Linens	Mary Beth Speicher (no specific time for pick up)		
Sacristans	Olbrich family	DA Hutnick	Sharyn LiPari
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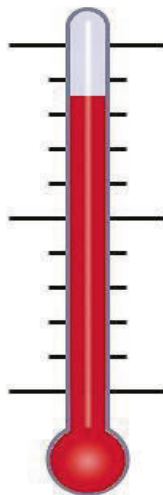


Totals as of:
5/6/25

Goal
\$100,000

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\$87,605

87.61%
of our goal



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BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to Your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to You.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with You in building Your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.



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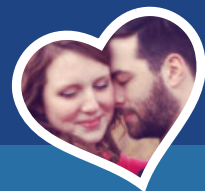
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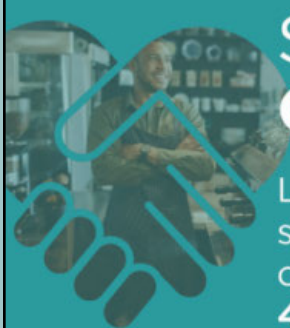
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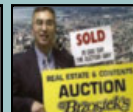


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