

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**May 14, 2023 Sixth 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.



### 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, May 15*****Easter Weekday***

8:30A Mass

**Tuesday, May 16*****Easter Weekday***

8:30A Mass

9:15A Coffee &amp; Catholicism

10:45A Rosary Group

6:00P Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.

**Wednesday, May 17*****Easter Weekday***

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, May 18*****The Ascension of the Lord  
(Holy day of Obligation)***

8:30A Mass

6:30P Mass

**Friday, May 19*****Easter Weekday***

No Mass

**Saturday, May 20*****Easter Weekday*****Special Collection: Diocesan Mission Sunday**

10:00A Prayer Shawl

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass-First Holy Communion during Mass

4:00P Choir sings during Mass

**Sunday, May 21*****7th Sunday of Easter*****Special Collection: Diocesan Mission Sunday**

9:00A Mass-First Holy Communion during Mass

11:00A Mass-First Holy Communion during Mass

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

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday

(closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)

**Phone:** 671- 2100**Emergency Number:** 369-9687**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org**Financial Snapshot**

	April 2023	July 2022-April 2023
Collections	\$63,893	\$432,717
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,084	\$55,496
Expenses	\$61,895	\$514,730
Operating surplus/deficit	\$25,082	\$(38,007)

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for Those in the Military**

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Zach Bartlett

Andrew O'Brien

Bryan Gross

Cydney Blong

Tom Weisenreder

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Jay Riesenberger



*This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Nicholas Andolina  
From  
Mom & Dad*

## Seeds for the Journey

In today's gospel Jesus said: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him" (John 14:15 & 21). Love is to us what sunshine is to plants. The experience of being loved gives us a feeling that life is worth living. God entrusted the task of giving us this love to our parents. Both parents have a role to play in this, but I know the role of the mother is very special. Being brought up by a single mother because my daddy died when I was a small boy. I know how my mom struggled to bring us up. She literary was our lifeline as we depended on her for everything. We owe practically everything we are to her. By the way, if you don't see me around end of May-June I will be visiting my mother at home in Kenya.

A mother's love reflects God's loving care. The Bible uses this image for example, in Isaiah 49:15, "Can a mother forget her infant or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you." In Matthew 23:37, Jesus compares Himself to a loving mother-hen who longs to gather her chicks together under her wings to protect them. Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the loving hands of God are "like those of a mother who accepts and takes care of her child." In Luke 11:27 a woman told Jesus, "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed!" May all mothers, follow the good example set by Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus. A woman of faith, charity, and humility.

Using Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family let us say Mother's Day Blessing:

***Holy God, you compared your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children. Look with kindness on our mother who has shared in your creating love by the gift of her children. We thank you for the joys and sorrows of her life, the giving and sharing, and, especially for your love that has formed us in your image. Listen to our prayers and bless the mother who has nurtured and sustained us. Give her patience in abundance and let her find joy and satisfaction in all her work. Glory and praise to you, loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, and who reigns with you in the glory of heaven, for ever and ever. Amen!***

HAPPY  
*Mother's Day*

*Fr. Paul*



### Do You Have an Extra Rosary to Donate?

During the month of May we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by praying the rosary. If you happen to have an extra rosary to donate to those in need in Kenya, please drop them off at the parish office by Monday, May 22nd. Fr. Paul will bring the rosaries to Kenya when he travels there at the end of this month. If you have any questions, please contact Jodie at 671-2100 or via email [jodie.hickey@dor.org](mailto:jodie.hickey@dor.org).

### VBS 2023

#### "What You Do Today Can Change the World Around You"

It's not too late to register your child/children for VBS where they will MAKE WAVES!! The week of July 17-21 from 9:15 am-12:15pm will be a splash of a good time with Games, Crafts, Music, Bible Stories and Snacks for each day's theme. Registration ends June 1st. If you have questions, please contact Helen via email at [helen.stirpe@dor.org](mailto:helen.stirpe@dor.org)

#### VBS 2023 Themes for the Week:

Day 1: God Made People With a Purpose  
Day 2: Jesus Invited People to Follow Him  
Day 3: You Can Trust Jesus With Your Life  
Day 4: Love Others the Way Jesus Loves You  
Day 5: God Can Help You Change the World Around You

### The Ascension of the Lord Thursday, May 18

Mass times:  
8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

### Together in Grief

Everyone grieves differently. The way one reacts physically and mentally may not be the same as the next person. For all those that are grieving the loss of a loved one, we welcome you to join us on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 to discuss the topic *What I've Learned About Grief*. We'll discuss what you've discovered about yourself, others, and societal reactions towards grief.

### Rosary Group

Please note that the weekly Rosary group gathering will be changed to **10:45 a.m. on Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup>** following Coffee and Catholicism. All are invited to join this dynamic group of prayer warriors for this weekly prayer session and fellowship.

### 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 for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)***

For over fifty years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. Next weekend, May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 and for your support of the missions.

### Coffee and Catholicism

All are welcome to join the Adult Faith Formation group on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM as they continue their journey watching the first season of The Chosen series. This week they will be watching episode 7: Invitations. Coffee and Donuts will be available as a viewing treat.

### St. Paul's Chicken BBQ

Join us at our 8th Annual Chicken BBQ and parish fundraiser on Friday, June 16, 2023 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (or until sold out). The BBQ will again be drive through and cash or check only. Pre sale tickets will be available in the parish office beginning May 22nd during regular business hours. If you have any questions or need more info contact Jodie or Kasey in the parish office.

**\$15 per dinner: 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes, cole slaw, and a roll/butter**

### Pre-planning Your Funeral

Planning the funeral of a loved one is very difficult while in mourning. To ease the burden and stress on those we love, many have begun to make their own arrangements by pre-planning their funeral and liturgy services. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM, Jeff Scott, the funeral director of Willard H. Scott Funeral Home, and Katie Van Damme, the Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, will present on pre-planning your funeral serves. Jeff will cover the Funeral Home process while Katie will discuss liturgy planning. More information to come as the date gets closer.

## The Journey of Confirmation

Throughout our confirmation journey, all of the candidates, including me, have been guided by Anselm, who has helped us understand the meaning and love of God.

In the last year, we have all learned so much more about God than we could have ever imagined, and we are all extremely grateful that Anselm was able to bring that to us. From attending retreats, to doing community service, and participating in the church more, Confirmation has created such a bond between the candidates, which we will be forever grateful for. For the last year, we have spent every Saturday and Sunday together learning about our faith and growing together as people, and it is something that we will dearly miss. But focusing on the process of Confirmation, we have worked through our book all year, reading questions and responses to knowledge of our faith, and with that information, we took a midterm, which encouraged us to study what we had learned. We were encouraged to participate in our parish more, so many of us became altar servers, which has been extremely beneficial to our faith and knowledge of our parish.

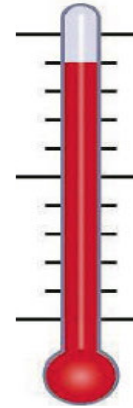
After our learning period was over, we began to prepare for our Confirmation ceremony, which was held at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The beautiful cathedral hosted the candidates from our parish, as well as the candidates from two other parishes. We began the Mass with a discussion from Bishop Matano, which allowed each of us an understanding of our community and their need for our help and influence. The talk by the Bishop was extremely eye opening and was beneficial to adding into our knowledge of our faith. We were then given the sacrament of Confirmation, which was a long awaited reward after working for it for the past two years. For me, Confirmation was an extremely honorable blessing to receive, and for the rest of my fellow candidates, we have collectively expressed our gratitude for this opportunity. Seeing the positive effect our Confirmation has had on our family and loved ones is extremely heart-warming, and it makes us proud to have been able to receive it.

From all of the St. Paul's Confirmation candidates, thank you to all of the members of our parish who supported us throughout our journey, and thank you to our family who supported us even more throughout this special journey. And last but definitely not least, thank you to Anselm, who has pushed each and every one of us to be the best version of us that we can be, constantly keeping us in line, and directing our focus to our individual faiths. Thank you Anselm for bringing us closer to God, and believing in all of us; We are forever grateful and blessed.

**-Morgan Tara and  
the St. Paul's Confirmation candidates**

## St. Paul's CMA Update

Your CMA gift supports ministries that affect every Catholic in our Diocese. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's in this year's campaign.



**Goal**  
\$105,000

**Pledged**  
\$95,374.50

**90.83%  
of our goal**



### Honoring Mary, the Mother of God

Stop in to the John Walsh Library during the month of May! The library committee has offered some ways to learn about and honor Our Blessed Mother this month. Many books about Mary can be found on the cart, and there are coloring sheets for the children. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to write an original poem or prayer about Mary. There is a box of stationery in the library for this use. Completed prayers and poems that are returned to the office will be displayed at the parish picnic on July 30th. Please sign the poems or prayers with first name only.

### Bethany House May Wish List

Pasta	33 gallon garbage bags
Pasta sauce	Manila folders
Cereal	Paper grocery bags
Floor cleaner	Reusable grocery bags
Clorox wipes	Feminine pads
Drink mixes (iced tea, lemonade etc.)	Laundry detergent

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.

## Ministry Schedule for May 20 & 21, 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>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>	Tom Napoli	Bonnie Serio	Bob Slon
<b>EMHC</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill Galbraith Diana Kemp	Linda D'Antonio Jerry Healey	Nancy Willard Anne LaClair
<b>Lectors</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Linens</b>	No linen pick up this week		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Olbrich Family	DA Hutnick	Sharyn LiPari
<b>Stream Team</b>	John Kosel	Lou Rotundo	Tom Napoli
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Fred Compertore <b>Volunteer Needed</b>

## Confirmation 2023







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