

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

May 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday

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.

Upcoming

EVENTS

Monday, May 29

**The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church
Memorial Day**
Parish Office Closed
No Mass



Tuesday, May 30

Weekday

No Mass
9:15A Coffee & Catholicism
12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, May 31

**The Visitation of the blessed
Virgin Mary**
No Mass & No Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, June 1

St. Justin, Martyr
No Mass

Friday, June 2

Weekday

No Mass

Saturday, June 3

**St. Charles Lwanga &
Companions, Martyrs**
10:00A Prayer Shawl
2:00P Confession
4:00P Mass

Sunday, June 4

The Most Holy Trinity
9:00A Mass
10:00A Confirmation Prep class
yr. 1
11:00A Mass



Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Paul Gitau
Deacon: Mark Robbins
Administrative Asst.: Jodie Hickey x21
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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

	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	\$5,082	\$(26,517)

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman Josh Bartlett
Zach Bartlett Andrew O'Brien
Bryan Gross Cydney Blong
Tom Weisenreder Michael J. Desiato
Mason Serrano Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani
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*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Mary Alice Rieger
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Ann Marie & Brian
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Seeds for the Journey

Come Holy Spirit Fill the Hearts of thy Faithful and Enkindle in them the fire of thy love.

Today, our Holy Mother the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost. **The Solemnity of Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter.** Because Easter does not have a fixed date, Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter and can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13. **Pentecost brings the Season of Easter to an end.** On Monday, we return to Ordinary Time – that time of the year not dedicated to any Liturgical season. It is that part of the year in which Christ the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. The US Bishops' Conference website describes Ordinary Time as "a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are caught up in Christ."

Today's celebration is focused on the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity. Our God is a Trinitarian God – three persons in One God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Today, we recall the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, after Jesus had ascended into Heaven. Before 'going up to Heaven,' Christ promised sending the Holy Spirit to his followers. As followers of Jesus, we too receive the Holy Spirit, especially when we received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Today is a great day to recall our Confirmation, when we received the outpouring of gifts of the Holy Spirit – Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Piety, Fortitude, Fear of the Lord. The Sacrament of Confirmation completed the grace we received at our Baptism; it made us soldiers of Christ and adults in the faith. Consequently, we are called to witness to Jesus every day by what we say and do.

Today more than ever, we need to be more aware and deliberate when we profess our belief in the Holy Spirit when we recite the Creed. The Spirit has been revealed and given; we should recognize and welcome the Holy Spirit as a person. **Today is traditionally recognized as the Birthday of the Church.** On the first Pentecost, after receiving the Holy Spirit, the apostles were no longer afraid. They went out and proclaimed that Jesus is Lord. On that first Pentecost, when Peter preached, about three thousand persons became followers of Jesus and were baptized on that day (Cf. Acts 2:41). Today is a special day to reconnect with the Holy Spirit and pray for any of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Together let us pray:

"Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and thou shall renew the face of the earth.

O God who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit. Grant that by the gifts of the same Holy Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in consolation. Through Christ our Lord Amen."

Have a Blessed Memorial Day Weekend.

Anselm

Daily Mass Update

As everyone knows, Fr. Paul is heading Kenya for a much deserved vacation to visit his family and friends. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travels and a safe return.

Beginning May 29th through June 30th there will be no daily Mass and no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The weekend Mass schedule and confession times on Saturday will remain the same. We welcome the following priests who will celebrate weekend Masses while Fr. Paul is away:

- Saturday, June 3: Confession & Mass:
Fr. William Spilly
- Sunday, June 4 at 9:00 a.m.:
Fr. Robert Schrader
- Sunday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m.:
Fr. Philip Brockmyre
- Weekend of June 10 & 11: Confession & Masses:
Fr. Daniel Holland
- Weekend of June 17 & 18: Confession & Masses:
Fr. Daniel Holland
- Weekend of June 24 & 25: Confession & Masses: Fr. Venatius Karobo (visiting missionary for the Apostles of Jesus)

Rosary Group



The days are warmer, the schedules are filling up with fun adventures, and there's much to be grateful for. Making time for prayer and building your relationship with the Trinity and Mary should still be at the top of your schedule. Every Tuesday the Rosary group meets at 12:00 p.m. to pray as a community. *No rosary experience is necessary to be part of our group.*

The summer is a great time to introduce children to the rosary as well. *We invite all those who are off during the summer months, including children of all ages, to join us in prayer.* If you have any questions, please contact Katie Van Damme in the parish office.

*****Rosary Group on June 6th is moved to 10:45 AM following Coffee and Catholicism*****

St. Paul's Brick Memorials

Honor a loved one, memorialize the special people in your life, or simply list your family name! Our memorial walk is located next to the flagpole at the front of the church. The funds raised through this campaign will be use toward Capital Projects for the parish.

Forms are available on the bulletin board across from the parish office. If you have any questions, contact Kasey at 671-2100 x30 or kasey.baker@dor.org.

The Jambo Java Café Will Be Open

Sunday, June 4th from
10:00-11:00 a.m. &
12:00-1:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: This is the last coffee hour as we will take a break for the summer months. The Jambo Java Café will re-open in the fall.

Eucharistic Revival Reflection & Book Discussion

This year our parish had a very successful Eucharistic Revival speaker series. We learned a great deal about the history of the Eucharist, beginning with the Old Testament, and continuing on through today. We learned about some of the Saints as well as Mary's connection to the Eucharist and the miracle in Lanciano, Italy. We now invite you to join us on Wednesday, June 7th at 6:30 p.m., as we conclude this year's series by reflecting on what we have learned throughout the year, while examining the book *Becoming Eucharistic People* by Timothy P. O'Malley, which was distributed in October. We will discuss how we can truly become Eucharistic people as we begin year two of the revival which focuses on parish life.

Together in Grief

St. Paul's Bereavement Group, Together in Grief, will hold their last meeting until the fall on Thursday, June 15th at 11:00 AM. Join us for a potluck lunch as we discuss the topic "Staying Connected". All who have experienced the loss of a loved one, and are looking for a wonderful support group, are invited to attend and make new connections to help you through your grief process. Please contact Katie Van Damme with any questions.

St. Paul's Question of the Week

Dear editor, who is referred to as the Holy Spirit? What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit? Does the Holy Spirit have other titles? Are there any symbols of the Holy Spirit?

Dear reader, thank you for your prompt question as we celebrate Solemnity of Pentecost today. The name 'Holy Spirit,' is the proper name of the Third Person of the Trinity. The Trinity is the doctrine that teaches that there are three persons in One God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has been referred to as the Paraclete by Jesus. Paraclete means "he who is called to one's side." This could also mean advocate or consoler. Our Blessed Lord also called the Holy Spirit the "the Spirit of Truth."

In the New Testament, we find the various titles used for the Holy Spirit: the Spirit of Promise, the Spirit of Adoption, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Glory.

There are twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit: kindness, modesty, patience, joy, charity, self-control, faithfulness, gentleness, goodness, chastity, patience, generosity.

The following are the symbols of the Holy Spirit:

- Water – it signifies the Holy Spirit's action in Baptism.
- Anointing. The symbolism of anointing with oil also signifies the Holy Spirit. Anointing is the sacramental sign of Confirmation.
- Fire – it symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions.
- Cloud and Light. These two images occur together in the manifestations of the Holy Spirit.
- The Seal. It indicates the indelible effect of the anointing of the Spirit in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders.
- The Hand. It is through the apostles' imposition of hands that the Holy Spirit is given.
- The Finger. It is by the finger of God that Jesus cast out demons.
- The Dove. The Holy Spirit came on Jesus at his Baptism in the form of a dove. Likewise, the Spirit comes down and remains in the purified hearts of the baptized.

If you have any doctrinal or faith-based questions you would like included in the bulletin, kindly email your questions to either Jodie Hickey at jodie.hickey@dor.org or Anselm Mesue at anselm.mesue@dor.org.

From the John Walsh Library

Magnificat

Part of the Pocket Devotional series, this richly illustrated book features beloved Bible verses about significant events in the life of Mary (the Annunciation, the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, the Nativity) and details from the works of art they have inspired. A full reproduction of each painting is included, accompanied by background information about the artist and the work. The Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel was sent from God to the Virgin Mary to tell her she was chosen to be the mother of Jesus, inspired artists from Botticelli to Titian. We are reminded of the visual artistic feast of the many and varied depictions of the Madonna and her Son. "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior."

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With Heartfelt Thanks!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all of you who donated so many beautiful rosaries for the people of Kenya. I am so blessed to be apart of this parish family. I will keep you in my prayers while I am away and I ask that you pray for me too. May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly.

Fr. Paul

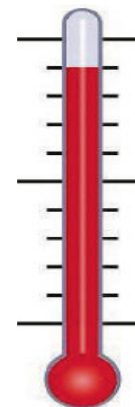
Bethany House May Wish List

Pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, floor cleaner, Clorox wipes, drink mixes (iced tea, lemonade etc.)
33 gallon garbage bags, Manilla folders,
Reusable grocery bags, feminine pads & laundry detergent

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St. Paul's CMA Update

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Goal
\$105,000

Pledged
\$97,624.50

92.98%
of our goal

Ministry Schedule for June 3 & 4, 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
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Cantors	Bonnie Serio	Cindy Rutan	Elizabeth Randisi
EMHC	Bob Frank Kathy Olbrich	Margaret Milner Trisha DeBacco	Cindy Ottina Ellen Santora
Greeters	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	DA Hutnick Barb Rehberg	Ellen Santora Nancy Willard
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Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Sue Dettman	Turner Family	Laure Barr
Stream Team	John Kosel	Jerry Healey	Chris Yuskiw
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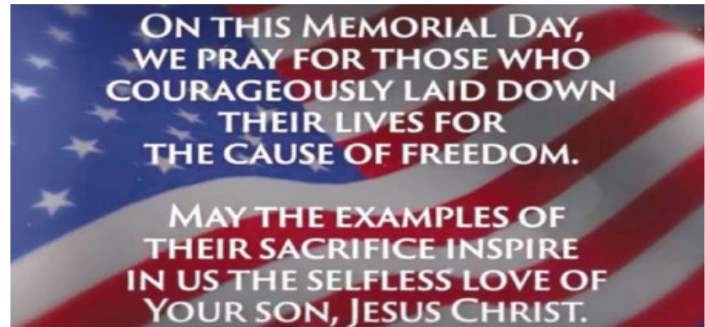
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VBS 2023 Themes for the Week:

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

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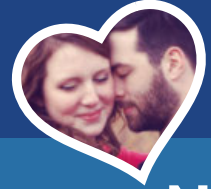
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