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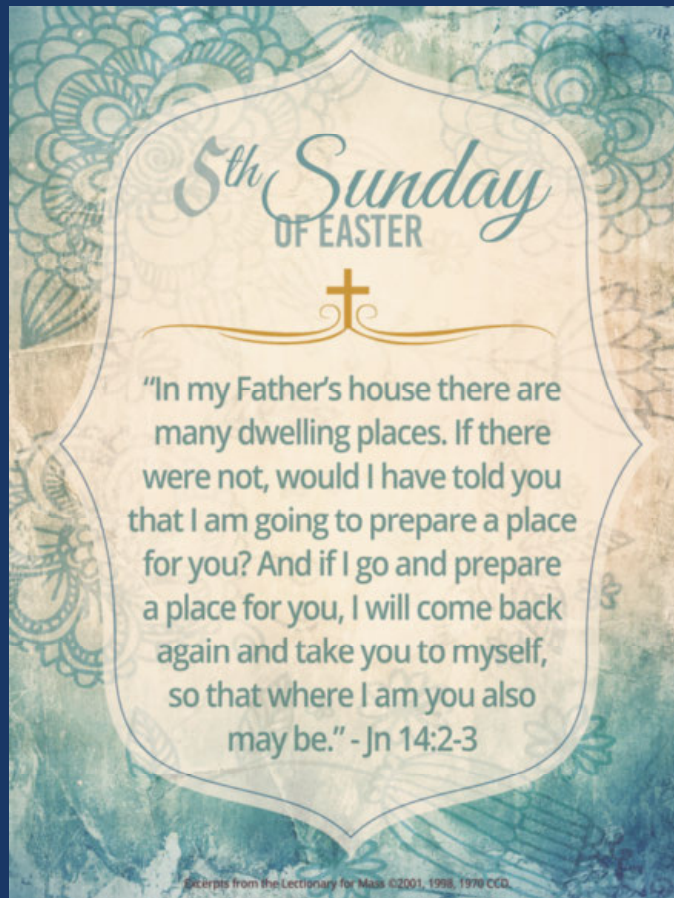


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

May 7, 2023 Fifth 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.

Upcoming Events



Monday, May 8 Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass
3:00P Finance Council Mtg.

Tuesday, May 9 Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass
11:00A Staff Mtg.
12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, May 10 Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00P Choir rehearsal
7:00P Good Sam Outreach Mtg.

Thursday, May 11 Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass

Friday, May 12 Easter Weekday

No Mass

Saturday, May 13 Easter Weekday

2:00P Confession
4:00P Mass

Sunday, May 14 6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

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
Adult Faith Formation Coordinator: Katie Van Damme x24
Business Manager: Kasey Baker x30
Confirmation Minister: Anselm Mesue x27
Coordinator of Music: John Gaspar
Coordinator of SOR & Facilities Cleaning: Helen Stirpe x25 or 671-2110
Maintenance Coordinator: Ben O'Brien x28
Multi Parish Finance Director: Joan Sullivan: 671-1100 x21
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Parish Council Chair: Linda D'Antonio
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Office Hours

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

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Financial Snapshot

	March 2023	July 2022-March 2023
Collections	\$37,500	\$348,853
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,076	\$52,404
Expenses	\$38,459	\$428,829
Operating surplus/deficit	\$2,116.64	\$(31,564)

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
Jay Riesenberger



*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Margaret Gaspar
From
Bill & Bev Empey*

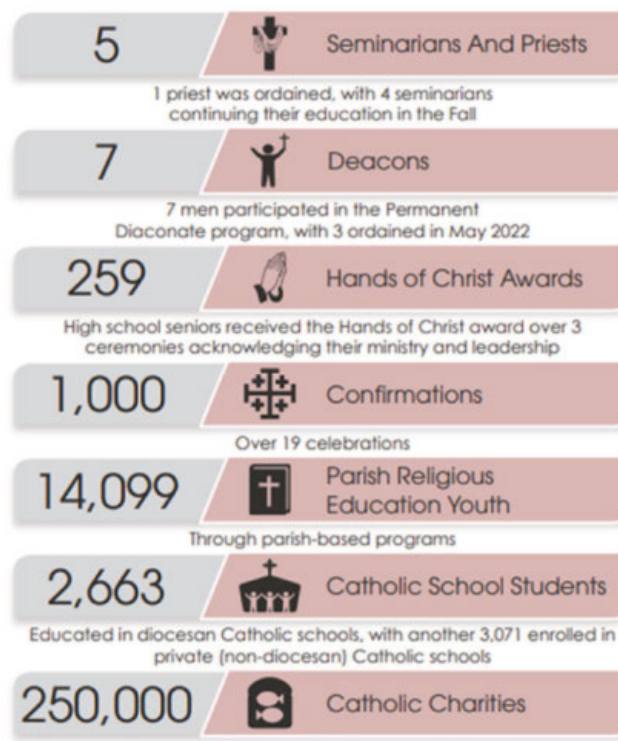
Seeds for the Journey

Those 3 letters!

CMA..... I bet 80% of you just groaned when you read those 3 letters. It's almost over.... I Promise! As of today (5/223) St. Paul's is \$7,925.00 short of our \$105,000 ask; 90% of the way there! That's an A- in my book... not too shabby I say to the 307 families that have donated.

The questions I hear most is Where does the money go? Why is there a collection..... Well, the Diocese of Rochester is among a handful of dioceses in the United States that do not have a formal cathedraticum, an annual diocesan tax on all parishes; many dioceses have both an annual appeal and a cathedraticum. Like many other of our sister dioceses that conduct annual appeals, goals are established to ensure they can adequately and accurately plan for and fund the many charitable ministries and vital services to parishes throughout our 12-county Diocese. Such as....

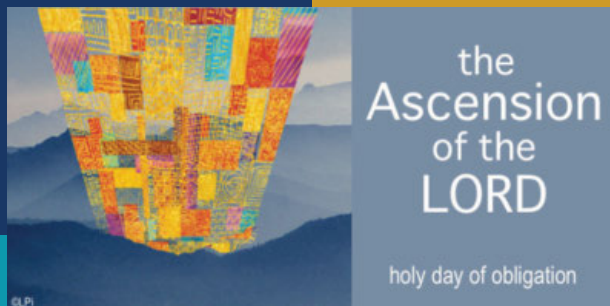
- Help pay for the education of our seminarians on the road to priestly ordination.
- Help fund the crucial work of Catholic Charities, which serves more than 250,000 people.
- Support ministries that reach out with aid to the aged, the sick, and the imprisoned.



Of the 89 faith communities in the Diocese of Rochester we don't have the lowest ask....That's St. George with a \$3,000 goal. BUT we also don't have the highest.... St. John of Rochester "wins" that with a \$274,000 CMA goal. 53 parishes have reached a higher percentage of their goal and we are better off than 36 communities.

An A- is good... but ST. PAUL'S IS GREAT! And I believe in us! I think we can reach the \$105,000 goal without having to use parish funds. If you haven't given... Please give... If you can give more... Please give, either to the CMA directly or to the CMA shortage here at St. Paul's. Envelopes for both are located on the table in Narthex. If you have any questions, please call or email me @ 671-2100 or Kasey.Baker@Dor.org.

Kasey



Thursday, May 18

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Mother'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 Mother's Day.

Please make your check payable to "St. Paul's Church" and mark your donation "Mother's Day Flowers" and include **who the donation is in memory of**; we will list them in the bulletin on Mother's Day. Please have your requests to the office **by Monday, May 8th**.

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

St. Paul's 8th Annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser



**Friday, June 16, 2023
4:00 to 6:00 PM**
(or until sold out)

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

cash or check only - drive through only

Coffee and Catholicism

All are welcome to join the Adult Faith Formation group on Tuesday, May 16th 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.

May 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.

Rosary Group

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



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 23rd 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.



Dear editor, what are the essential properties of the Sacrament of Marriage?

Dear reader, there are two essential properties of the Sacrament of Marriage: **unity and indissolubility**. Unity refers to monogamy: one man commits himself for life to one woman and vice versa. According to Cardinal Kasper: "the act in which the bride and groom give and receive each other is in itself an inner tendency towards definitiveness and exclusiveness" (Kasper, *The Theology of Christian Marriage*, p.45). Anything other than monogamy is contrary to the plan of God because it is contrary to the equal personal dignity of men and women who in matrimony give themselves with a love that is total and therefore unique and exclusive.

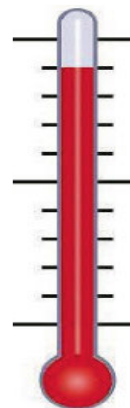
The second essential property of marriage is indissolubility. Like unity, it also arises from the very nature of marriage as willed by the Creator. The Church's current understanding of the indissolubility of marriage is presented in Pope Saint John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation, on the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World, *Familiaris Consortio*, "Being rooted in the personal and total-self giving of the couple, and being required by the good of children, the indissolubility of marriage finds its ultimate truth in the plan that God has manifested in His revelation: His wills and He communicates the indissolubility of marriage as a fruit, a sign and a requirement of the absolutely faithful love that God has for man and that the Lord Jesus has for the Church" (n. 20). Since the indissolubility belongs to the essential nature of marriage, as established by God, every valid marriage, either natural or sacramental marriage, is indissoluble and cannot be dissolved by any human power. A marriage that is ratified and consummated cannot be dissolved by any human power or by any cause other than death. However, under certain conditions, a non-sacramental marriage and a marriage that has not been consummated can be dissolved.

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.

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
\$95,124.50

90.59%
of our goal



Confirmation

Congratulations to our ten parishioners who received their Confirmation on April 26 and on May 2 at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. There shall be a reception in their honor after the 9am Mass on Sunday May 7, in the hall. Kindly join them and congratulate them for the major step they have taken in their Christian journey.

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.

Ministry Schedule for May 13 & 14, 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	Jackson Bernier JP Bernier	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Bob Slon	Cindy Rutan	Elizabeth Randisi
EMHC	TBD	TBD	TBD
Greeters	Forest Shick Julie Shick	Barb Rehberg Volunteer Needed	Anne Hauber Ellen Santora
Lectors	David Swinson	Jack Black	Gene Mancuso
Linens	Joann Fisher (No specific time for pick up)		
Sacristans	Olbrich Family	DA Hutnick	Sharyn LiPari
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Sue Muto	George Hanley
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed



**Sunday, May 7th from
10:00-11:00 a.m. &
12:00-1:00 p.m.**

St. Rita's Church Presents: Spirituality of Aging

St. Rita's church will host "Spirituality of Aging" on Thursday, May 25th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The presenter, is Fr. John Rose, who is a retired priest in the Syracuse Diocese who is enjoying his elderhood and wisdom years. He has served as pastor, hospital chaplain, spiritual director and retreat leader. His talk will include spiritual and practical guidance for all, including those with elderly parents and family members.

Come explore the spiritual growth that is the fruit of the second half of life. If you are in your wisdom years or love someone who is, come and be awakened to a vision of spiritual eldering.

Knights of Columbus News

The Knights of Columbus Trinity Council 4618, Webster, NY, held its 53rd Annual Charity Dinner on April 15 at the Webster Golf Club. This year's fundraiser beneficiary was Meals On Wheels. Including a last minute \$100 contribution, a total of \$12,700 was donated. This money will provide additional meals for people on their waiting list. Donations were collected from members of this organization and Webster/Ontario businesses. 111 people attended the event.



Presentation of the award by (left to right) David Gilfoy, Trinity Council #4618 Grand Knight, Michelle Dahlkemper (President and CEO U of R Medicine Home Care), Margaret Schweizer (Director, Meals On Wheels) and David Uerz (Webster Columbus Center Treasurer).



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