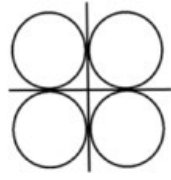


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

November 12, 2023 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



32ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"You know neither
the day nor the hour."
- Mt 25: 13

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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.
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, November 13
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini,
Virgin
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, November 14
Weekday
 8:30A Mass with anointing
 12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, November 15
Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed
 Sacrament
 7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 16
Weekday
 8:30A
 11:00A Together in Grief

Friday, November 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary,
Religious
 No Mass

Saturday, November 18
Weekday
 10:00A Prayer Shawl Mtg.
 10:00A Confirmation Prep
 Service Day
 2:00P Confession
 4:00P Mass

Sunday, November 19
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00A Mass-CLOW
 10:00A SOR Classes
 11:00A Mass-CLOW



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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

	October 2023	July-October 2023
Collections	\$37,000	\$157,600
Donations/ other revenue	\$11,360	\$24,220
Expenses	\$64,100	\$188,100
Operating surplus/deficit	(\$15,740)	(\$6,320)

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
Bryan Gross	Cydney Blong
Tom Weisenreder	Michael J. Desiato
Mason Serrano	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for
 Jeanette & Ron
 VerSchage*

Seeds for the Journey

Praying for the Souls in Purgatory

The Liturgical year is gradually coming to an end. This means that we would soon move into the season of Advent. And of course, with Advent comes preparation for Christmas not only spiritually in terms of a deeper connection with God and the community especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but also materially especially with Christmas shopping, gifts for family and friends and merrymaking. Before we think about Advent and Christmas, it is important to remember that November is the month of praying for the Dead. The Church teaches that there are four last things: death, judgment, hell and Heaven. One of the great facts of life which we avoid talking about or even think of, is the inevitability of death. The author Robert Bolt in his book *A Man for All Seasons*, the classic play about Sir Thomas More, the Chancellor who refused to compromise and was executed by King Henry VIII, writes "death comes for us all; even at our birth-even at our birth, death does but stand aside a little. And every day he looks towards us and muses somewhat to himself whether that day or the next he will draw nigh. It is the law of nature, and the will of God."

With this reality in mind, we ask the fundamental philosophical question: what happens when we die? What becomes of us, if at all we shall still somewhat exist? According to Catholic Anthropology, the human person is a composite being. This means that we are made up of body and soul perfectly united. This does not mean we admit of the dualism of the Greek philosopher, Plato, but we acknowledge that we are a duality. At death, the soul separates from the body. The body and soul would be re-united again at the Resurrection, when Christ the King would come again – the *Parousia*.

As Christians, we believe that we do not cease to exist at death. When God created us, God destined us for a life with God forever. However, through our misuse of freedom, we sin and there are consequences. No one 'goes' to heaven in a state of sin. That is why we have purgatory. Purgatory is a state of purification before the soul goes to heaven. When we pray for the dead, we are praying for those in purgatory. Those in heaven are already saved and do not need our prayers. Instead, we need their intercession. Those in hell can no longer be saved.

During the month of November, the universal Church remembers our loved ones and those in our community who have gone before us. Those in purgatory need our prayers because they are going through some form of cleansing, purification, before they can enjoy eternal life with God in Heaven. Purgatory is not eternal. Its duration varies according to the sentence pronounced at our particular judgment. Those in purgatory belong to the suffering Church. They need our prayers for they can no longer help themselves. Those of us still living (the militant/pilgrim Church) can help them through our prayers and sacrifices; that is why this month of November is important. When we pray for the dead, we also benefit. We can gain either a partial or plenary indulgence. These indulgences are applicable only to Souls in Purgatory.

This is a good prayer to recite especially during the month of November:

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

When we die, we shall also benefit from the prayers of the living. We shall also need their prayers. Let us take advantage of this month and pray for our loved ones, our family members and friends who have died especially in the sacrifice of Holy Mass.

Anselm



This weekend we extend
a warm St. Paul's welcome to
Fr. Bill Endres

Christmas Flowers



A Christmas flower envelope was included in the November/December envelope packet. The proceeds from this collection are used for the flowers and greenery adorning the church and altar throughout the Christmas season.

If you wish to make a donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please note the name(s) on the envelope. The memorials will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. We use the parishioner info on the front of the envelope to note who the donation is from, so if you want something different, please note that as well.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's Church". The deadline of **Monday, December 18th** to make it into the bulletin. If you have any questions please contact Kasey at 671-2100 ext. 30 or kasey.baker@dor.org



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Join us on Thursday, November 23rd at 8:30 a.m.
for our Mass of Thanksgiving.

The Parish Office is closed beginning Wednesday,
November 22 through Friday, November 24th in
observance of the holiday.

Good Sam Outreach Clothing Drive

There is new HOPE in our community: **ROCHESTER HOPE*** is associated with Matthew's Closet at St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Parish.

We are invited to partner with them for a special mission. Asylum seekers are arriving in Rochester weekly and they need clothing for the coming season of cold and adjustment.

NEEDED – all clothing for:

Men and Women in smaller sizes
Children/Youth in all sizes
Babies

T-shirts/jackets/coats/shoes/boots

Please bring your gently used and clean donations to St. Paul's the weekends of 11/12 and 11/19. Look for a sign and place in the hall near the office.

New is also gratefully accepted with socks and underwear at the top of the list.

*St. Paul's supports **WEBSTER HOPE** through food donations every other month.

2024 calendars are available at each of the entrances! Many thanks to our sponsor:

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Please feel free to take one for yourself and also for anyone you may know who may like one.



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.

St. Paul's Question of the Week

Dear editor we learnt that we could gain indulgence when we pray for the dead during the Month of November. What is the correct understanding of the term indulgence? Does it mean paying to go to Heaven?

Dear reader, thank you for your question. There is a lot of misunderstanding of the term indulgence. Unfortunately, a lot of this current misunderstanding comes from the way students are being taught about it in their history classes at school. It is important that we clarify what we mean by indulgence in the Church. We do not pay for indulgences in the Catholic Church.

An indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins, who guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed, gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church. There are two kinds: partial and plenary indulgence. A partial indulgence removes part of the temporal punishment due to sin. A plenary indulgence removes all of the temporal punishment due to sin.

A partial indulgence can be obtained by devoutly visiting and praying for the departed, even if the prayer is only mental. One can gain a plenary indulgence visiting a cemetery each day between November 1 and November 8.

A plenary indulgence is also granted when the faithful piously visit a church or a public oratory on November 2. In visiting the church or oratory, it is required, that one *Our Father* and the *Creed* be recited.

A partial indulgence can be obtained when the Eternal Rest (*Requiem Aeternam*) is prayed.

Let us always pray for the souls in purgatory especially during this month of November.

Together in Grief

Many times when we experience the loss of a loved one we become lost in our grief and the way life used to be. Other times, we become overly involved in other activities to distract ourselves from what we are going through. Between these two events we sometimes struggle to find that inner peace that is much needed after the loss of a loved one. This month we invite you to join our Together in Grief, our bereavement support group, to discuss *Caring for Oneself*. We will share techniques for self-care, relaxation and spiritual meditation. This meeting will take place on Thursday, November 16th at 11:00 in the Music room. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Katie Van Damme, the Adult Faith Formation Coordinator with any questions, katie.vandamme@dor.org or 671-2100 x24.

From the John Walsh Library

Stengel, Richard

Mandela's Way

(Fifteen Lessons on Life, Love, and Courage)



Nelson Mandela led an extraordinary life of sacrifice, reconciliation, and forgiveness. He liberated his country from a system of violent prejudice and segregation, and then he helped unite the oppressor and the oppressed to an astonishing degree. Richard Stengel, an editor of *Time* magazine, spent countless hours with Mandela and distilled those many hours of conversation, collaboration, and observation into fifteen essential life lessons, from "Lead from the Back" to "Find Your Own Garden." Woven into these lessons are remarkable stories of Mandela's childhood as a protégé of a tribal king, of his early days as a freedom fighter, and of his twenty-seven years of imprisonment that could not break him. (Call No. 650.1-STE)

Mass on December 3rd @ 10:00 a.m.
(Only one Mass this day)



The Most Reverend
Salvatore R. Matano
Presiding

Bethany House November Wish List

Canned protein (tuna, chicken, beef), tomato sauce, jelly, jam, canned fruit, cereal, disinfectant wipes, shampoo, floor cleaner, toothpaste, toothbrushes & bar soap.

Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations on a regular basis.

Ministry Schedule for November 18 & 19, 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
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CMA Update

As of November 7th, 139 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!



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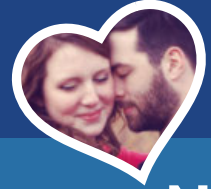
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