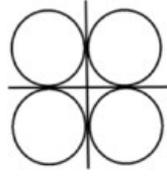


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

November 20, 2022 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
- Lk 23:42-43

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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 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, November 22
St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
 8:30A Mass
 10:00A Staff Mtg.
 6:00P Confirmation Prep yr. 2

Wednesday, November 23
Weekday
Parish Office Closed at Noon
No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 8:30A Mass

Thursday, November 24
St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
Thanksgiving Day
Parish Office Closed
 8:30A Mass



Friday, November 25
Weekday
Parish Office Closed
 No Mass

Saturday, November 26
Weekday
Special Collection: Catholic Universities & Other American Catholic Higher Education Institutions
 2:00P Individual Confession
 4:00P Mass

Sunday, November 27
First Sunday of Advent
Special Collection: Catholic Universities
No SOR
No Confirmation Prep
 9:00A Mass
 11:00A Mass
 12:30P Altar Server Training
 6:30P Solemn Vespers



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

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Financial Snapshot

	October 2022	July 2022-October 2022
Collections	\$35,475	\$157,994
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,516	\$33,984
Expenses	\$62,215	\$220,989
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(26,224)	\$(29,011)

Expenses for October include quarterly invoices paid.

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
 Don Senecal
 From
 Knights of Columbus
 Trinity Council*

Seeds for the Journey



As far back as I can recall autumn has been my favorite season of the year. I remember as a young boy building leaf houses and jumping from our porch railing into leaf piles without any thought as to what might be in them. As a teenager I looked forward to the start of football season and hunting deer in the woods of the Adirondacks. The older I grew the more I learned to appreciate the beauty of the season as the green leaves transition into a kaleidoscope of bright red, yellow, and orange. With the advent of marriage and children, picking apples and canning fruits and vegetables for the coming winter months were added to the list of autumn activities. These days Barb and I have the privilege of sharing our love of autumn with Olivia and Adelyn, our two granddaughters. It is so heartwarming to see the joy on their faces as they play in the leaves, attempt to help with leaf raking and pumpkin carving, and explore the neighbors Halloween decorations. And, of course, the deeper we move into the autumn season the more we hear their little voices speak with anticipation about the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Speaking of the holidays, the sights and sounds and smells that so characterize the season of autumn also remind us of the transition that occurs in the Church at this time of the year, i.e., the transition from Ordinary time to the liturgical season of Advent, which begins next weekend. Over the coming weeks our readings will invite us to “be on watch,” “stay awake,” and to “prepare the way for the Lord.” These readings remind us that our watchfulness is not to be a passive one, rather they are meant to inform and inspire us to do the work of the Kingdom until Christ returns.

This week, most of us will be anxiously preparing for Thanksgiving – a time when family and friends gather together for socializing, reminiscing, football, and lots of food. But Thanksgiving is not just a day for turkey dinner and pumpkin pie; it is in many ways a reminder to us of our duty and responsibility to use the gifts God has blessed us with wisely and justly for the good of all people, not just on this particular day, at this time, or during this season, but always.

Today, on this feast of Christ the King, we are reminded that even as we wait for the coming of Christ, the Kingdom of God is present to us now. In baptism we are anointed with the oil of chrism and become citizens of the Kingdom – a Kingdom of community, equality, and dignity. We are indeed a royal people called to loving service in the *imitation* of Christ the King. During the hustle and bustle of these coming weeks and beyond, I pray that each of us will take time to remember those among us who are in need, so that when Christ our King returns we will each hear the words, “*today you will be with me in paradise.*”



Deacon Mark

Adult Faith Formation Advent Retreat

All adults are invited to join St. Paul's Adult Retreat, *A Hallmark Christmas*, on Saturday, December 10th at 9:00 AM, concluding with 4:00 PM Mass. Guest Speaker Damian Zynda, the Director of Mission and Ministry at McQuaid Jesuit, will be our keynote speaker, and Deacon Mark Robbins will lead a prayerful self-reflection. The cost is \$15 which will include lunch (with gluten free options), the speaker, and supplies. Registration forms with more information are available on the bulletin board across from the parish office.

Note: Registration is due no later than November 27th! Please contact Katie Van Damme at 671-2100 x24 with any additional questions about the retreat.



On December 10th the Adult Faith Formation Group will have their Advent Retreat entitled *A Hallmark Christmas*. They are looking for one to two people to lead the group in making simple, yet lovely ornaments, which will be at no cost to those facilitating the activity. If you are interested in assisting with this portion of the retreat, please contact Katie at katie.vandamme@dor.org or 671-2100 x24.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

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

The Parish Office is closed from Noon on Wednesday, November 23rd through Friday, November 25th in observance of the holiday.

Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Update & Impact on St. Paul's

Following Bishop Matano's Letter, Q&A document, and Media Report, we have some more details to share with you about the proposed Restructuring Support Agreement that the diocese has filed with the bankruptcy court with the hopes of bringing the bankruptcy process to a close.

Every parish will have to contribute a share into this settlement. The total settlement is \$55 million dollars. The parishes all together will pay \$20 million of this total. St. Paul's share of that is \$250,741. This will be a challenge for us. Our savings should be able to cover this but will impact our operating budget. Not every parish can say this.

Our thoughts and prayers first must go to the victims, the survivors of the abuse. No money can make that right. But money is necessary to compensate them. Hence the need for money to be placed in an independent trust to fund payments to the survivors. The trust will create the criteria which decides how the settlement money will be distributed.

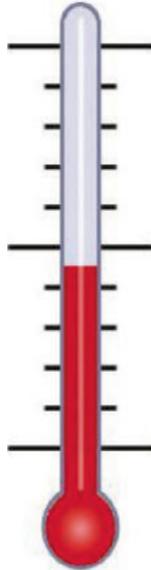
The share of each parish is determined by a formula which includes the weekly collections, number of households, parishes share of CMA, and the balance of unrestricted funds as of June 30, 2022. The parishes will benefit from their participation by obtaining the "Channeling Injunction" which will channel existing and future claims to the Trust established for this purpose. If this were not the case and the parish was brought to court, the damages would likely be much higher, as juries have recently awarded settlements to victims in the millions. Our participation in the settlement is a needed insurance and an opportunity to protect St. Paul's parish.

As you read in the Frequently Asked Questions, the diocese has assured us that CMA contributions will not be used to fund this Restructuring Support Agreement. CMA money is restricted for the uses according to the intention of the donors. Thanking you all for your understanding and always generously giving CMA gifts and money towards St. Paul's parish. I'm grateful for your prayers and support throughout these years both in good times and difficult ones.

Father Paul



Pledged
\$50,614



Goal
\$105,000

48.20%
of our goal

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

Special Collection: Catholic Universities

Next weekend is the collection for The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C.

If you wish to support this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Catholic Universities Collection" in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.

**Bethany House
November Wish List**

Cereal	Peanut butter
Snack items	Disposable coffee cups
Pasta sauce	(disposable cups provide warm beverages for the homeless community)

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.

From the John Walsh Library

Paula Huston

One Ordinary Sunday

(A Meditation on the Mystery of the Mass)

Neither the author nor her husband grew up Catholic; she was nearly 40 the first time she attended mass. She did not join the Church for several years after that experience. In this book, drawing on her talent as a novelist, she provides a moving and personal moment-by-moment record of her experience at a specific Mass one Sunday morning when she was feeling down because her beloved grandchildren had recently moved to another town. But she recognized that whatever she was feeling beforehand, in the Mass she would be healed and restored and spiritually fed. In the Mass that morning, she felt ushered into a new kind of life—one that participated in the divine. Thus fortified, she could face whatever challenges or hardships she must. With gratitude, she explores the theology, history, and meaning of the liturgy that is at the heart of the Catholic faith.

(Call No. 223-HUS)

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 sanctuary 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.

If you don't receive envelopes and wish to donate for Christmas flowers, just send Robin a note or an email with the information. Or you can make the donation online on the donation page on our website. There is a text box to note who the donation is in memory of.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's Church". You may send it in any time, with a deadline of **December 12** to make it into the bulletin. We will also list the memorials on our web site.

If you have any questions please contact Robin at 671-2100 ext. 30 or robin.martz@dor.org.

Ministry Schedule for November 26 & 27, 2022

Due to this bulletin being sent to press early, we are still in the process of finding volunteers. Please contact the ministry coordinator if you are available to assist. Thank you!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	Mary Ann Brodt Volunteer Needed	Maggie Milner Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Tom Napoli	Elizabeth Randisi	Bonnie Serio
EMHC	Kathy Olbrich Dennis Olbrich	Jack Black Volunteer Needed	Karen Napoli Volunteer Needed
Greeters	Diana Kemp Bill Galbraith	Jack Black D.A. Hutnick	Nancy Willard Anne LaClair
Lectors	Margie Richardson	Crissy Picca	Kay Vargo
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Sue Dettman	D.A. Hutnick	Sharyn LiPari
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Lou Rotundo	George Hanley
Ushers	Sue Dettman Volunteer Needed	Linda Fiske Herb Gauch	Margaret Cress Bill Green

Thanksgiving Prayer

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank You for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

In Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Join us for Solemn Vespers to inaugurate the season of Advent at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 27th which is the First Sunday of Advent. This is a great opportunity to pray the Liturgy of the hours as a community with the universal Church and to reflect on the Season of Advent as we prepare for the Nativity.

Rosary Group

The Rosary group will meet at noon on Tuesday, November 29th in the Worship area to pray the Rosary in a group setting. If you have never said the Rosary before, this group is perfect for you! You can learn as we pray and we always follow along with a pamphlet.





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