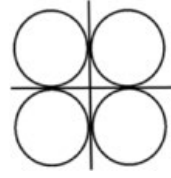


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

November 27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

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, November 28

Advent Weekday

8:30A Mass
 11:00A Book Club
 1:30P Library Committee Mtg.

Tuesday, November 29

Advent Weekday

8:30A Mass
 12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1

Advent Weekday

8:30A Mass

Friday, December 2

Advent Weekday

No Mass
 9:00A Vac Pac

Saturday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

9:30A Confirmation Prep
 Retreat
 10:00A Prayer Shawl
 2:00P Individual Confession
 4:00P Mass

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00A Mass
 10:00A SOR Classes
 10:00-11:00A Coffee Hour
 11:00A Mass
 12:00P Confirmation Prep yr. 2

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Website: www.stpaulsrcc.org
Diocese of Rochester: www.dor.org



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
 The parishioners of
 St. Paul's*

Seeds for the Journey



This weekend is the beginning of the Advent Season and the start of the new Liturgical Year A. The beginning of the Year of Grace, 2023. Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas, in which the Incarnation, first coming of Jesus in Bethlehem is remembered. It is also a time when our minds and hearts are let to look forward to Christ's Parousia, second coming in glory at the end of time. We also prepare for His coming during Mass in Eucharist, at a family meal, through other people, in the poor, in events and situations of our daily lives.

Advent liturgy and readings urge us to stay awake or be watchful spiritually. What spiritual practices can help us? I think prayers, rosary, acts of charity, works of mercy, lighting candles of Advent wreath, confession of our sins, meditating on the daily readings and most importantly attending Mass. Jesus said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). To have no "life within you" is to be without sanctifying grace that is necessary for salvation.

If only we knew how many graces we receive from attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion and how pleasing it is to God for offering this greatest thanksgiving Prayer, we would consider attending Mass every day we have an opportunity. St. John Vianney once said, "All good works put together are not equivalent to the sacrifice of the Mass, because they are the works of men, and the Holy Mass is the work of God."

So, prayers, confession, acts of charity, Giving Tree gifts for the poor, contribution of the tree ornaments and money to help our parish are all important but nothing compared to attending Mass and receiving Jesus in Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life. Advent is a time of preparation and waiting in hope to receive Jesus Christ. So, we pray, Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Have a Blessed Advent and subsequently Happy Christmas.

Fr. Paul

Collecting Tree Ornaments!



The tree has been set up under the stained glass windows and is waiting for ornaments! Last year's donated ornaments will hang on the tree again this year.

We invite those who haven't donated an ornament yet to please place one in the labeled basket in the Narthex.

We look forward to seeing a tree full of ornaments representing our wonderful faith family.

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 this weekend! Please contact Katie Van Damme at 671-2100 x24 with any additional questions about the retreat.

Please note our Christmas Mass times have changed. The updated times are:

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM

6:30 PM

Sunday, December 25

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

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.

Happy Advent!



The staff at St. Paul's Church is happy to offer the popular *Little Blue Books* from the Little Books of the Diocese of Saginaw series. These books will aid you in your daily advent reflections with stories and messages of hope, as well as reflections on the Daily First Readings. Books will be available after all Masses beginning this weekend, but supplies are limited.

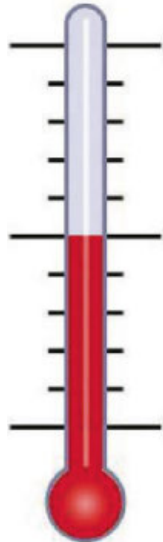
Message from Robin

After 25+ years of service to St Paul's, I have decided to retire in January. I love my work and will dearly miss my coworkers, who are the best. But the time has come to spend more time with my family and new grandson. Thank you to all parishioners for your support through the years. It has been an honor to serve you.

Solemn Vespers
Sunday, November 27th
at 6:30 p.m.



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Goal
\$105,000

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of our goal

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Special Collection: Catholic Universities

This 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.

Coffee and Catholicism

All are invited to join the Adult Faith group on Tuesday, December 6th at 9:15 AM as they continue watching *The Chosen* series. This week they will be watching and reflecting on Season 1, Episode 3: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*. *"The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. For whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me."* Matthew 18:1-5.

From the John Walsh Library

Bauer, Judith and John Cleary

Advent and Christmas with Thomas Merton

Advent is a time of great anticipation and preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth in Bethlehem. He is the Messiah who will make all things new again. This book is designed to be used during the entire Christmas season from the first Sunday in Advent to the end of the Christmas cycle, a special time for all Christians. Each day's reflection begins with a spiritual quotation; continues with an excerpt from the writings of Thomas Merton, the renowned Trappist monk; and concludes with a prayer for the day. Merton's writings capture the familiar themes of the season: the Incarnation, Mary, anticipation, angels, and anxiety. This joy shines brighter than all the tinsel and trappings that can blind our eyes to the deeper meaning of the season. (Call No. 242-BAU)

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.

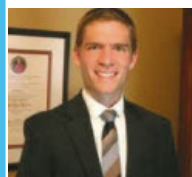
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Thursday, December 8

Mass Times:

8:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series



On Wednesday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. we welcome the dynamic and fascinating speaker, Dr. Matthew Kuhner to St. Paul's Church to present *Mary and the Eucharist*. His talk will also focus on the advent season related to the Eucharist. Dr. Kuhner is the Vice President and Academic Dean at St. Bernard's School, as well as an Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology. His works have been published in many theological magazines and he presents throughout the diocese on various theological topics, including Theology of the Body. Registration is not necessary. Those who attend will also receive a copy of the book *Becoming Eucharistic People* which will be referred to throughout the Eucharistic Revival.

Ministry Schedule for December 3 & 4, 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	TBD	TBD	TBD
Cantors	TBD	TBD	TBD
EMHC	Bob Frank Christine Grant	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Fred Compertore Gina McNamara
Greeters	Julie Shick Forest Shick	Jack Black D.A. Hutnick	Jean Van Apeldoorn Ellen Santora
Lectors	Barb Robbins	Scott Rutan	Laure Barr
Linens	Jeri Reidy (no specific time for pick up)		
Sacristans	Christine Grant Irene Dragt	Turner family	Barr Family
Stream Team	John Kosel	Sue Muto	Chris Yuskiw
Ushers	Sue Dettman Kevin Nuwer	Dan Milner Don Black	Joe Ferrara George Hanley



We will again have a revised Giving Tree this year. We have eliminated the tags on the tree. Instead you can refer to the list below of suggested gift items. Any of these items can be for a boy or girl, any size infant to size 16. Purchase what you can and bring the gifts, unwrapped, to St Paul's and put them in the Narthex closet next to the library..... **please, no later than December 17.** Donations for "Fuel" are also being accepted this year, please make your check out to St. Paul's and add "Fuel" in the memo line.

We will still provide needy children with some Christmas joy thanks to your continued generosity.

If you have questions please call Pat Rotundo at 356-8309.



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