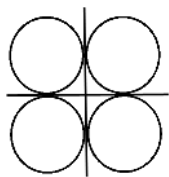


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

November 30, 2025 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.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Therefore, stay awake!
For you do not know
on which day your
Lord will come."
- Mt 24:42

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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.

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.

**Monday, December 1****Advent Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, December 2**Advent Weekday**

8:30A Mass with anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

6:00P Bible Study

Wednesday, December 3**St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 4**Advent Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Friday, December 5**Advent Weekday**

No Mass

8:30A Vac Pac

Saturday, December 6**Advent Weekday****Birthday Blessing during Mass**

10:00A Prayer Shawl mtg.

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, December 7**2nd Sunday of Advent****Birthday Blessing during Masses**

8:45A Sor Retreat

9:00A Mass-CLOW

10:00A Confirmation Prep Class yrs. 1 & 2

10:00 Coffee & Donut hour

11:00A Mass

12:00P Coffee & Donut hour

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	October 2025	July-October 2025
Collections	\$39,870	\$162,119
Donations/ other revenue	\$4,686	\$12,405
Expenses	\$65,032	\$189,365
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(20,476)	\$(14,841)

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

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*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Richard Vogler
From
Dorothy Lomb*

Seeds for the Journey

As I write this article on the eleventh day of November, I am sitting in our kitchen looking out the window in wonder at the 4-5 inches of heavy, wet snow that fell overnight. On top of that, the strong wind blew a plethora of leaves from the numerous trees in our yard, which, coupled with the wet snow, created a multicolored mash potato stew covering the lawn. If that wasn't enough, the snowplows overnight plowed through the piles of leaves we had left on the side of the road which had yet to be removed by the town's leaf-picker-uppers, leaving a mess in our front yard.

While it is not unusual to have snow this early in the Fall, it is typically not of significance. In fact, several years ago at this time we experienced a beautiful Indian summer. The temperature was seventy degrees, with a gentle breeze sweeping through the multicolored trees. Needless to say, Fall weather in Rochester is unpredictable, and our first snowstorm of the year is a stark reminder to us to always be prepared. Fortunately, while I was not as prepared as I would have liked, I had already begun my Fall clean-up several weeks ago. Hopefully, by the time of this publication, we will have had a few days of decent weather so I can clean the gutters and prepare the snow blower in anticipation for what mother nature may have in store as we transition ever closer to the winter months ahead.

Speaking of transition, our readings, music, church decorations, and purple vestments this weekend remind us that we have now moved on from the liturgical season of Ordinary time to that of Advent. Advent, you may recall, is both a season of preparation for the feast of the Nativity (Christmas) when we celebrate the first coming of Christ into the world, and a season of reflection that points us to the final judgment and the second coming of Christ.

Our Advent readings encourage us to always be prepared, as we wait for the return of our savior, Jesus Christ. When that will happen, nobody knows. That is why we need to stay awake, as Jesus says, and be prepared every day of our lives. As we heard St Paul say in our second reading, now is the time for us to wake from our sleep. Now, this Advent season, is the time for us to act, to move. Now is the time for us to prepare, to get our spiritual lives in order. Now is the time to search our hearts, to reprioritize our lives, to establish the Lord's mountain as the highest in our lives, as we heard the prophet Isaiah proclaim. This is what Advent is all about, preparing our hearts for the coming of the Lord, not just in the future, but here and now, today and every day of our lives!

May the grace of the season of Advent give us the strength to live out our faith in this world, as we wait with joyful hope for the coming of our savior, Jesus the Christ.



Deacon Mark

Christmas Flowers



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 is **Monday, December 15th** to make it into the bulletin. If you have any questions please contact Kasey at kasey.baker@dor.org

The Giving Tree



The items requested below from Corpus Christi located in downtown Rochester are for boys or girls size infant to 16. Please bring **UNWRAPPED** gifts, to St Paul's and place them in the parish office hallway.....**no later than December 14**. Donations for "Fuel" are also being accepted this year, please make

your check payable to St. Paul's and add "Fuel" in the memo line.

Help us to provide Christmas joy for less fortunate families. Thanks to your continued generosity. If you have questions please call Pat Rotundo at 356-8309.

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MITTENS, GLOVES, HATS
SHIRTS or TOPS
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TOYS, BOOKS
PLEASE NO GIFT CARDS or CASH

Coffee & Donut Hour

Sunday, December 7th after Mass
10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.



Advent Retreat



Join us on Saturday December 13th from 10:15am to 5:00pm for St Paul's Advent Retreat. This year's theme is "Christ Jesus, our Hope" (1 Timothy 1:1b). Our guest speaker is Dr. Matthew Kuhner, a Professor of Theology at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry.

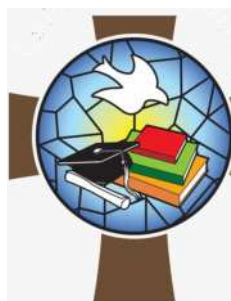
Activities: Prayer, Retreat Talk, Reflection led by Deacon Mark Robbins, Gospel Sharing, Meditation, Adoration, Rosary, Benediction, Confession, Songs of Worship, concludes with 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Cost: \$20 (includes speaker fee, supplies, pizza, salad & donuts coffee)

Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board across from the parish office. The deadline to register for this event is Sunday, December 8th.

For question and clarifications, contact Anselm at anselm.mesue@dor.org.

Second 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 second collection basket, box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.



Monday, December 8

Mass Times:
8:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

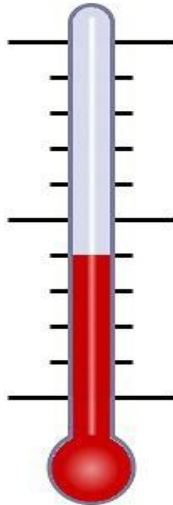


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Chittister, Joan Essential Writings

The John Walsh Library has many of Joan Chittister's books, which are very popular with our readers. The editors of this anthology have gathered many of her writings under the topics "A Passion for God," "A Passion for Life." And "A Passion for Justice." She discussed many issues, such as why she says in the Church when so many are leaving, the role of laughter and humor in spirituality, and the Church and women. She explores what living a good life could possibly mean in a world filled with suffering and greed. She arrived at the oldest Catholic truth of all: "All of life is good and sanctity does not consist of denying that." Selfishness, being self-centered, self-indulgence that is bought at the expense of others is the real essence of sin. Sanctity consists of making life good for everyone whose life we touch. This is truly "the good life." (Call No. 348.482-CHI).



Advent Penance Service With Individual Confession

Thursday, December 11
at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer for Advent – Arise

Bless God's Holy Name!

Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.

*Awaken them from any places that have become
sleepy or despondent. Inspire us with new visions.*

Be with us as we climb closer to You.

Amen.

Webster Hope December Wish List

Coffee & tea	Mandarin oranges
Crackers	Condiments: ketchup, mayonnaise & mustard
Flour & sugar	Any toiletries (especially, shampoo, conditioner & body wash)
Cooking oil	Toothpaste
Cake & brownie mixes	Cleaning products
Canned vegetables & fruit (especially better, pineapple & peaches)	Laundry soap
Applesauce in jars	

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. Thank you for your generosity.

Birthday Blessing Weekend

Fr. Paul will give a special blessing during Masses next weekend, December 6 & 7 for December birthdays.

Ministry Schedule for December 6 & 7, 2025

Due to the bulletin being sent to press early, some ministry schedules have not been completed yet. If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to let them know your availability.

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Cantors	TBD	TBD	TBD
EMHC	Sue Dettman Cindy Ottina	Jack Black Volunteer Needed	Gina McNamara Ruth Prinzivalli
Greeters	Volunteer Needed Patrice DeAngelis	Barb Rehberg Lucille Friscano	Ellen Santora Nancy Willard
Lectors	Scott Rutan	Jack Black	Gina & Larry McNamara
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Christine Grant	Jane Adams	Connie Gurske
Stream Team	John Kosel	Lou Rotundo	Tom Napoli
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	TBD TBD	TBD TBD

November CLOW



Faith Formation

It is not too late! We are still accepting students for our faith formation programs: School of Religion Grades K to 7 and Confirmation Prep Year 1 (that is, 8th grade and above). Contact Anselm or Helen for more information.

Lessons in Carols

Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m.



A Service of Lessons and Carols is a service of Christian worship. (It was introduced about 100 years ago in the Anglican church and adapted by other Christian denominations.) The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings or lessons from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir anthems. (Wikipedia)

St. Paul's Church Choir and youth from the confirmation classes will be offering Lessons and Carols to the community. You are invited to come celebrate the season with them. There will be some carols for the congregation to sing, and the program will last about an hour.



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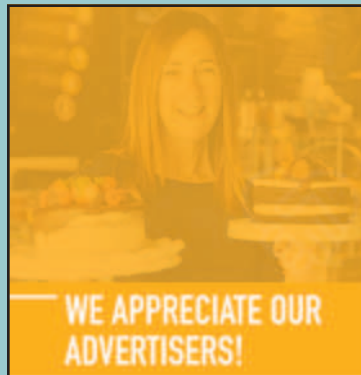
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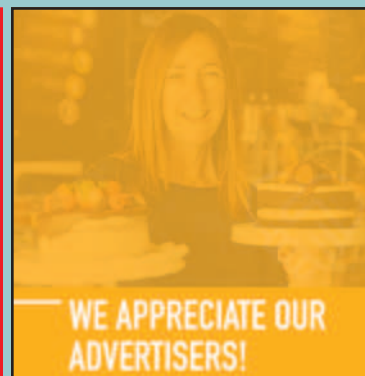
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