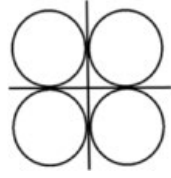


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**November 5, 2023 Thirty-First 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.



## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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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 6

#### **Weekday**

#### **National Vocation Awareness Week**

No Mass

10:00A Library Workday

### Tuesday, November 7

#### **Weekday**

No Mass

12:00P Rosary Group

### Wednesday, November 8

#### **Weekday**

No Mass

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Good Sam Outreach Mtg.

7:00P Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 9

#### **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

No Mass

11:00A Chosen Series

### Friday, November 10

#### **St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

### Saturday, November 11

#### **St. Martin of Tours, Bishop**

Veterans Day

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

5:00P Confirmation Prep yr. 2

### Sunday, November 12

#### **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Blessing of November Birthdays

During All Masses

9:00A Mass-CLOW

10:00A SOR

11:00A Mass

### Parish Staff

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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.)

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**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org



### Financial Snapshot

	September 2023	July-September 2023
Collections	\$52,961	\$120,598
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,427	\$12,858
Expenses	\$31,563	\$123,932
Operating surplus/deficit	\$24,852	\$9,524

### Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman

Josh Bartlett

Bryan Gross

Cydney Blong

Tom Weisenreder

Michael J. Desiato

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Daniel Thomas

Andrew Zani

Robert Wright

Jay Riesenberger



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Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Lino Fichera  
From  
Caterina & Jerry  
Kilcrease*

# Seeds for the Journey



I remember when my grandfather passed away. We lived in Germany, I was seven years old, and I had a friend over to play. I went into my grandfather's bedroom and my mom was standing over him telling me my friend had to go home, and my mom needed to call for an ambulance. My grandfather had suffered a stroke and died soon after going to the hospital. He was the first deceased person I had ever seen. It seemed so strange to me because he looked the same as when he was alive. I had so many questions like: Can I touch him? Will he move? How did he get to New York? He was with the "soupcases"! Why? When can I go to Chuck-E-Cheese? Death was a really hard concept to understand for a seven year old.

As I've grown and experienced more losses, I've realized that the death of a loved one can still be hard to comprehend and is overwhelming at times. You can't see them, but you can suddenly feel them as if they were right there in the room. You see signs of their presence in strangers, birds, butterflies, and pennies. You envision them sitting with their favorite mug, book, or glass of wine in "their chair". One day you'll be out walking when you suddenly smell their colon, perfume or lotion. And each and every one of these moments brings you back to love. Yes, sadness, joy, peace, hope, anger, faith, and an assortment of other emotions can emerge as well. Yet those emotions are all due to love. And as we know, "faith, hope, love **remain**, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13)

November is the month that we remember all those who have gone before us as we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day in the Church. Yet, we never stop celebrating the love that we have for those who have passed before us. For many of us we think about them every day, several times a day in fact, and these memories are such wonderful gifts. God is Love itself. When we experience love, we experience God, and all His greatness. People may pass away but love never leaves us.

In remembering those we have loved, we will continue to celebrate their lives with a Tree of Remembrance. Everyone who has lost someone significant is encouraged to add their picture (no larger than a 4x5) to our tree. It will be located in the parish hall on the wall between rooms 7 & 8. We invite you to honor those who have passed. Take time to look at their pictures, share stories, memories, and the love each of these people brought to our lives.

"The most important thing is, even when we're apart ...  
I'll always be with you ..." Winnie the Pooh

**Katie**



### From the Pastor's Desk



I will be away from November 6-12 attending retreat at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. The theme of retreat is: The Gift of Mission: Called to be Missionary and Witness to Christ. Retreat Master will be Monsignor Arturo Banuela, a priest of the diocese of EL Paso, Texas. The retreat is organized by The Pontifical Mission Societies US National office. While I am away on retreat please note that there will be no daily Mass, November 6-9 as well as no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, November 8th. I know you will extend a warm St. Paul's welcome to Fr. Bill Endres who will celebrate all Masses on the weekend of November 11 & 12.

This is the third annual opportunity for the Diocesan Directors of the Propagation of the Faith to come together in prayer complementing the national meeting, when we come together to work and plan. Our next national meeting will take place in Puerto Rico, November 16-24, 2024. In 2025, our meeting will be in Rome to coincide with Jubilee Year.

Thank you for your understating and prayers. I will pray for all your intentions during this retreat.

**Fr. Paul**

### Join Our Choir



The St. Paul's Choir is preparing for the Christmas Season. The Choir will be singing at the 6:30 Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24. Singers of high school age and older with prior choral

experience (which doesn't have to be recent) are invited to join us for the season (or longer!) The Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 in the music room, and sings at the weekend Masses on a rotating basis. Please contact John Gaspar, Music Coordinator, at john.gaspar@dor.org for more information.

### The Chosen Series

Have you ever become overwhelmed by your workload? Most likely Jesus did as well. Come join the Adult Faith Formation community as we watch Jesus and the disciples face the challenges of their mission in Season 2, episode 3 of The Chosen Series entitled Matthew 4:24. Grab your popcorn and coffee for this 40 minute episode and discussion on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

### 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.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



### \*\*\*Bible Study\*\*\*

Due to conflicts, the Bible study program will no longer be occurring on the second Sunday of the month at 10:00 AM. We apologize for the inconvenience. Please contact Katie Van Damme or Fr. Paul in the main office with any questions.



Dear editor, what are the principles of Catholic Social Teaching?

"There are seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching. They are:

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to Family, Community, Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God's Creation

Pope Leo XIII is considered the Father of Catholic Social Teaching. The Catholic Social Teaching tradition began with the encyclical "Rerum Novarum" by Pope XIII, published in 1891. Rerum Novarum was written to address the social issues affecting the masses at the time that led to widespread worker discontent and the threat of Marxism spreading. Every pope since Pope Leo XIII has continued with the Catholic Social Teaching tradition."

### St. Paul's Panera Fundraiser

In this year of "Fundraising and Friend-Raising" we are off to a great start. A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who went to Panera on October 19th to help St. Paul's "make a little dough."

There were so many people who presented a flyer when purchasing their meal that we lost count. Panera's total sale from St. Paul's was \$1,841.44 because of your dedication to St. Paul's we raised \$460.36

We appreciate those who coordinated the event and everyone who attended to represent our parish. Maybe we will have another Panera night some time soon.

## From the John Walsh Library

Bergren, Lisa Tawn

### God Encounter

(Experiencing the Power of Creative Prayer)

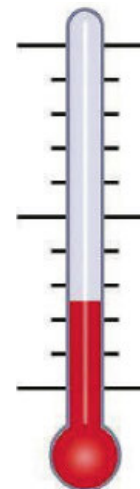


How would you respond if God the Father or Jesus suddenly came into the room? What would you say to Him? Blending the ancient Christian practice of meditation with the contemporary use of crea-

tive prayer, Bergren leads us to safe places to interact with God: a cabin deep in a cool dense forest, a foggy California bay, a rustic beach house, a desert oasis. These are just a few of the places where we will encounter God as never before; we will "see" Him right there beside us. It is important that we withdraw from the bustle of our lives—from work, television, phones, conversation—to concentrate only on God. The author provides many suggestions and procedures to help the reader do just that. (Call No. 248.3-BER)

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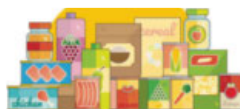
## Ministry Schedule for November 11 & 12, 2023

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
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Maggie Milner <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Lucy Rynkiewicz, Olivia Fulkerson, Katie Yuskiw
<b>Cantors</b>	Bonnie Serio	Cindy Rutan	Bob Slon
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<b>Greeters</b>	Theresa Augsburg Patrice DeAngelis	Linda D'Antonio Jack Black	Nancy Willard Anne LaClair
<b>Lectors</b>	Dan Bower	Ann Grieb	Jann Armantrout
<b>Linens</b>	No linen pick up this week		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Sue Dettman	Pat Rotundo & Mary Fitch	Sandy Happ
<b>Stream Team</b>	John Kosel	Jerry Healey	George Hanley
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>



### 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.



Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parishes. Inspire men to imitate Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Send them as labors for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us.  
St. John Fisher, pray for us.  
St. John Vianney, pray for us.





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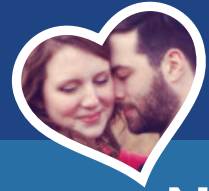
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