

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**October 29, 2023 Thirtieth 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.



### 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, October 30

#### Weekday

8:30A Mass

5:30P Confirmation Prep yr. 1  
make up class

6:30P Confirmation Prep yr. 2  
class

### Tuesday, October 31

#### Weekday

8:30A Mass with anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

### Wednesday, November 1

#### All Saints Day

#### (Holyday of Obligation)

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament

6:30P Mass

7:30P Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 2

#### The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

#### All Souls' Day

8:30A Mass

6:30P Mass of Remembrance

### Friday, November 3

#### Weekday

No Mass

8:30A Vac Pac

### Saturday, November 4

#### St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

10:00A Prayer Shawl

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass-Blessing of  
November Birthdays

### Sunday, November 5

#### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Blessing of November Birthdays During All Masses

9:00A Mass-CLOW

10:00A SOR

10:00A Coffee & Donut Hour

10:00A Confirmation Prep yr. 1

11:00A Mass

12:00P Coffee & Donut Hour

12:00P Confirmation Prep yr. 2

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**Parish Council Chair:** Linda D'Antonio

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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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## 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



*The flowers in the  
Sanctuary this weekend are  
in memory of  
Jim Dawson  
from  
Wife, Peg & family*



*This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Louis Torregrossa  
From  
Barbara Frazer*



St. Paul's Church  
2022-2023 Financial Statements

## Statement of Revenues & Expenses

	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 Actual	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 Budget	July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021 Actual
<b>Revenue</b>			
Regular & Holy Day Donations	\$ 498,771	\$ 505,540	\$ 516,067
Program Revenue (Faith Formation/Sacraments/VBS)	\$ 11,099	\$ 8,800	\$ 8,900
Auxiliary Receipts			
(Flowers/Memorials/Sanctuary Lamps/Coffee Hour)	\$ 16,893	\$ 22,400	\$ 23,377
Fund Raising, net of expenses	\$ 5,752	\$ 4,320	\$ 6,147
Gifts / CMA Shortage Donations	\$ 16,419	\$ 10,250	\$ 9,966
Other Operating Revenue	\$ 624	\$ -	\$ 24
<b>Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 549,558</b>	<b>\$ 551,310</b>	<b>\$ 564,481</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 327,287	\$ 346,184	\$ 327,425
Catholic School Assessment	\$ 76,000	\$ 76,000	\$ 78,000
Office/Rectory Expense	\$ 73,315	\$ 64,853	\$ 70,161
Insurance/Maintenance/Utilities	\$ 61,548	\$ 54,870	\$ 61,005
Ministries/Programs			
(Faith Formation/Good Sam/VBS/ Coffee Hour)	\$ 6,772	\$ 4,520	\$ 5,991
CMA Underage Payment	\$ 2,432	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,000
Catholic Courier	\$ 19,569	\$ 21,988	\$ 21,348
Music & Liturgy	\$ 28,041	\$ 29,108	\$ 27,513
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 594,964</b>	<b>\$ 617,523</b>	<b>\$ 603,443</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (45,406)</b>	<b>\$ (66,213)</b>	<b>\$ (38,962)</b>
<b>Non-Operating Revenue (Expense)</b>			
Dividends/Investments (net of fees)	\$ 1,767	\$ -	\$ 5,919
Change in Investment Market Value	\$ 13,704	\$ -	\$ (43,626)
Capital Expenditures	\$ (14,978)	\$ (35,000)	\$ (21,960)
Channeling Injunction Payment	\$ (250,741)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Revenue (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (295,654)</b>	<b>\$ (101,213)</b>	<b>\$ (98,631)</b>
			<b>\$ (99,184)</b>

## Statement of Financial Position

	Balance as of 6/30/2023	Balance as of 6/30/2022
<b>Assets</b>		
Operating Checking	\$ 89,986	\$ 132,181
Restricted Partners in Faith (PIF) Funds	\$ -	\$ 20,478
Stable Patrimony <sup>+</sup> (Long Term Savings)	\$ 34,420	\$ 269,420
Other Assets	\$ 231	\$ 231
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 124,637</b>	<b>\$ 422,310</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 6,729
Pension Accrual	\$ 7,612	\$ 7,431
Collections due to Diocese	\$ 5,168	\$ 639
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 12,780</b>	<b>\$ 14,799</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 111,857</b>	<b>\$ 407,511</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 124,637</b>	<b>\$ 422,310</b>

## Financial Notes & Highlights

- 1. Channeling Injunction**  
The Chapter 11 Restructuring Support Agreement between the Diocese and the Committee of Unsecured Creditors outlines how survivors of sexual abuse would ultimately be compensated for claims brought against the Diocese and related Catholic entities.  
Individual parishes and other related Catholic entities were named in individual lawsuits and bear substantial risk of direct liability to claimants in individual state court actions. These actions pose a significant threat to the parishes and other related entities. Long term litigation costs and settlements or jury awards would have far exceeded the resources which the Parish has or could obtain to settle or litigate these claims.  
Therefore, it was in the best interest of the Parish to participate in the Restructuring Agreement and obtained a "channeling injunction" which will channel existing and future claims against the Parish to the Trust.
- 2. Stable Patrimony<sup>+</sup>** are long-term assets of the parish that are intended to afford financial security of the parish for the future. The parish may withdraw up to 5% of these funds annually. These funds are not intended to meet operating expenses. These funds were utilized to make St. Paul's Channeling Injunction payment of \$250,741 in May, 2023.
- 3. Capital Expenditures (funded from Savings)**  
**2022-2023 Complete Projects**  
Church Hallway Floor Replacement  
Church main tile replacement  
Replace pump on boiler  
**2023-2024 Planned Projects**  
Parking Lot Sealing / Striping  
Sump Pump Replacement

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

	2022-2023	2021-2022
Goal	\$ 105,000	\$ 106,482
Total Pledge Payments	\$ 101,414	\$ 89,021
Grant Received from Diocese	\$ 1,154	\$ 5,461
# of Donors	316	318
Underpayment paid to Diocese	\$ 2,432	\$ 12,000
<b>2023-2024 CMA Goal</b>	<b>\$102,000</b>	

## Our Numbers

	2022 - 23	2021 - 22
Registered Families	1,285	1,384
Average Weekly Mass Attendance	322	269
Enrolled in Faith Formation	65	52
Baptisms	7	16
First Communion	7	6
Confirmations	10	25
Funerals	21	14

Please direct questions to:  
Kasey Baker, Business Manager (kasey.baker@dor.org) or Joan Sullivan, Finance Director (Joan.Sullivan@dor.org)

### From the Pastor's Desk



I will be away from November 6-12 attending retreat at the Catholic Conference Center, 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<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. 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**

### 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.

### Mass of Remembrance

Everyone is invited to attend our annual Mass of Remembrance on All Souls' Day, Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. We especially remember all whose funeral liturgies were celebrated at St. Paul's during the past year.

### All Saints Day: Wednesday, November 1

#### Mass Schedule:

**8:30 a.m.**

**6:30 p.m.**

### Join Us Next Weekend for Coffee & Donut Hour

**Sunday, November 5**

10:00-11:00 a.m. &

12:00-1:00 p.m.



### Coffee and Catholicism

November is the month that we celebrate all of the saints and souls who have gone before us. In honor of our saints, Coffee and Catholicism will have a special gathering to meet the saints as we look at the lives of *The Three Tere-sas*. We'll discuss the history, miracles, and legacy of St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Coffee and light snacks will be served. The meeting will be on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Souls Day, at 9:15 AM in room 7 & 8.

If you have an idea for a Coffee and Catholicism meeting topic please contact Katie Van Damme, the Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, at [katie.vandamme@dor.org](mailto:katie.vandamme@dor.org) or call 671-2100 x24.



### Birthday Blessing Weekend

Get your singing voices ready....it's almost the first weekend of the month! Please join us at Mass next weekend, November 4 & 5 as we celebrate November birthdays. Fr. Paul will give a special blessing followed by the congregation singing Happy Birthday. You don't want to miss it!

### 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](mailto:john.gaspar@dor.org) for more information.

## What is Liturgy?

What do you think of when you hear the word liturgy? I suspect the response most people will offer is the Mass, during which we celebrate the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There is however, a more general meaning to the word liturgy which lends itself to other liturgical celebrations in the Church. Liturgy is an encompassing term that refers to the set of rituals and prayers foundational to public worship in the Church. As a structured form of communal worship, it includes prayers, scripture readings, perhaps a reflection or homily, and music that enable the congregation to actively participate in the life of the Church. The Mass is a form of liturgy, albeit, the most preeminent form of liturgy in the Catholic Church.

The word liturgy is derived from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which is most commonly translated as "the work of the people." In the history of the Church, it came to mean the participation of the people of God in the work of God (CCC 1069). To paraphrase theologian Edward Kilmartin, liturgy is a communal exercise of one's life of faith in the name of Jesus, a public act of faith in which the faithful affirm their fidelity to God and one another.

Liturgy, however, is more than a gathering of the faithful for prayer and thanksgiving. As Msgr. Guido Marini states in the Vatican document *To Enter into the Christian Mystery Through the Rites and Prayers*, "the Liturgy deals with a celebration by which we truly enter into a relationship with the mystery of our salvation, with Christ the Lord, the Savior, Who communicates His very own life to us – His grace." Liturgy, then, is the action of Christ, in, with, and through the Church, who, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is present to us in words, gestures, music, and rituals. But that presence is more than a static one, it is a real and transformative presence. A presence that engages us and draws us personally and communally into the very mystery of our salvation. As the Catechism states, "Christian liturgy not only recalls the events that saved us but actualizes them, makes them present" (CCC 1104).

Liturgy is, by its very nature, a human action inspired by the Holy Spirit in which we offer glory and praise to God for his saving grace, and the action of Christ who makes himself present, enabling us to participate in His ongoing act of salvation. Nowhere is this most profoundly accomplished than in the celebration of Mass, a sacred action between Christ and His Church, whereby, the people of God participate in the saving act of Christ's death and resurrection, i.e., the Paschal Mystery. Over the past year we have been exploring the history, theology, structure, and communal aspects of the Mass in our Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series.

There are, however, other forms of public worship, or liturgy, that the people of God engage in throughout what is called the liturgical year; a seasonal unfolding of the mystery of Christ and the lives of the saints, throughout the calendar year. These liturgical acts of worship, together with the Mass, comprise the liturgical life of the Church and enable us to more fully reflect on and participate in the mystery of our salvation, the Paschal Mystery of Christ. They include the sacraments, the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office), funerals, ordinations, Eucharistic Adoration, as well as rites of blessings of persons and objects (e.g., churches). Over the next few months, as part of our participation in the Eucharistic Revival, we will be exploring via bulletin articles, some of these liturgical rites of the Church in more detail.

Stay tuned!

**Deacon Mark**



## Ministry Schedule for November 4 & 5, 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!

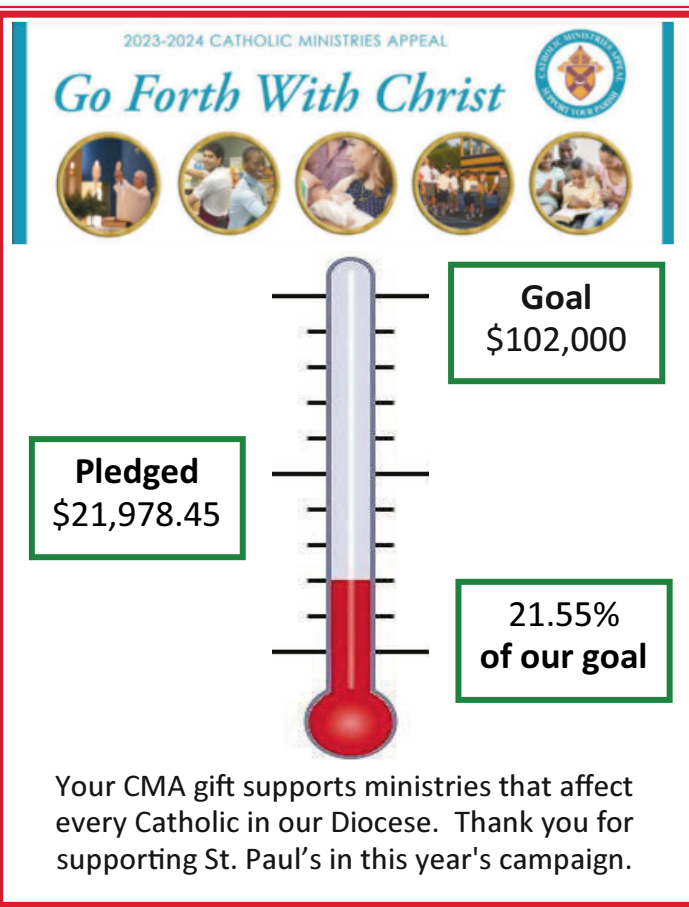
	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Josh Tara, Olivia Fulkerson, Katie Yuskiw
<b>Cantors</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>EMHC</b>	Bob Frank Sue Dettman	<b>TBD</b> <b>TBD</b>	Cindy Ottina Anne LaClair
<b>Greeters</b>	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	Barb Rehberg Jeanne Leo	Anne Hauber Ellen Santora
<b>Lectors</b>	Barb Robbins	Maggie Milner	Crissy Picca
<b>Linens</b>	Mary Fitch (no specific time for pick up)		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Sue Dettman	Pat Rotundo & Mary Fitch	Sandy Happ
<b>Stream Team</b>	Rod Campbell	Lou Rotundo	Chris Yuskiv
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>

### From the John Walsh Library



#### **Bosco, Antoinette** **Growing in Faith When a Catholic** **Marriage Fails**

The author, a divorced Catholic herself, uses her deep knowledge of Church law and processes, and combines it with her personal experience to bring empathetic and helpful information to the reader. Divorced Catholics who cannot get an annulment need to honestly consider whether relationships, other than one involving marriage and sexual intimacy, will be enough. That can be difficult and painful to answer. Divorced Catholics who accept the Church's position on divorce and remarriage need their priests and bishops to minister to them with understanding and concern for their difficult life position. Divorced Catholics should be encouraged to realize there can be life after divorce and even divine joy in the knowledge of God's love. (Call No. 248.84-BOS)





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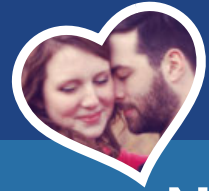
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