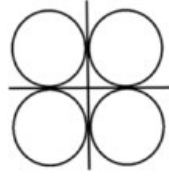


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

September 10, 2023 Twenty-Third 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.

**Monday, September 11****Weekday****Patriot Day**

8:30A Mass

6:00P Finance Council & Parish
Pastoral Council joint mtg.**Tuesday, September 12****Weekday**

8:30A Mass with anointing

11:00A Staff mtg.

12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, September 13**St. John Chrysostom, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

7:00P Choir Rehearsal

7:00P Good Sam Outreach Mtg.

Thursday, September 14**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:30A Mass

Friday, September 15**Our Lady of Sorrows**

No Mass

Saturday, September 16**Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian,
Bishop, Martyrs****2nd Collection: Catholic
Campaign for Human
Development**

10:00A Prayer Shawl

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass-Choir sings

Sunday, September 17**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time****2nd Collection: Catholic
Campaign for Human
Development**9:00A Mass-Catechetical Sunday
& SOR blessing10:00A Meet & Greet SOR
Catechist

11:00A Mass

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8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday

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

Phone: 671- 2100**Emergency Number:** 369-9687**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org**Financial Snapshot**

	July 2023	
Collections	\$31,104	
Donations/ other revenue	\$1,153	
Expenses	\$55,153	
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(22,896)	

**Let Us Pray
for Those in the Military**

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*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp
burns for
all the
parishioners of
St. Paul's*

Seeds for the Journey

For the past 18 months the people of Ukraine have suffered greatly due to the ravages of war brought on by the invasion of Russian forces. Over 7 million people have fled to neighboring countries, while 6.3 million remain displaced within Ukraine. Meanwhile, the constant bombardment of cities, towns, and villages by Russian missiles continues to create an atmosphere of stress, anxiety, and sleepless nights for thousands. But even as peace appears to be far off, the people of Ukraine have demonstrated an amazing resilience. As the war continues in the south and eastern regions of the country, communities in other parts have opened up their homes to fellow countrymen seeking help. As CRS reports in a recent Global update, *"families are finding ways to stay together, seeking normalcy amid chaos. They are finding ways—even if remotely, from a shelter—to safely enroll their children in school, establish a semblance of home and manage their lives as best they can."*

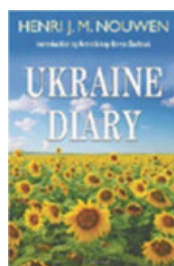
As Ukrainians strive to help one another, CRS and its partners continue to help meet essential needs, including, food, shelter, medical services, and living supplies, in addition to counseling services, and repair of war-damaged homes. Over 6 million people within Ukraine and neighboring countries have been assisted.

As the war in Ukraine continues, along with the political debate about American support, I want to draw your attention to a book I recently read entitled "Ukraine Diary", by renowned spiritual writer Fr. Henri Nouwen. Published just this year, the book is an account of Nouwen's encounter with the Ukrainian people on two visits he made to Ukraine in 1993 and 1994, a few years before his unexpected death. The book sheds light on the struggles, the hopes, and the dreams of the Ukrainian people in the years immediately following their freedom from Soviet domination.

In the book, Nouwen writes an account of his daily activities as he preaches, offers retreats and workshops, and interacts with several communities of disabled persons. But within his daily reflections, Nouwen makes references to the history of the Ukrainian people, their centuries long struggles against domination and oppression, and their desire for global recognition as a free and independent people. As Nouwen came to learn and document, over 15 million Ukrainians lost their lives in the twentieth century alone, due to two world wars and the genocidal activities of both the Nazi and Russian regimes. Such repression left deeply rooted scars in the hearts of the Ukrainian people. Nouwen referred to them at that time as a handicapped people. *"It is the handicap that comes from a broken history",* Nouwen states, *"from centuries of oppression and exploitation, from neglect and indifference of the wealthy nations, from the social sins of injustice and greed."*

Nouwen encountered the Ukrainian people at a time of great physical poverty, as well as deeply emotional and spiritual woundedness, acknowledging them as people beloved by God, with their own history, culture and future, searching for freedom, recognition, and their own God-given dignity. He saw Ukraine as the poor foster child of Europe and points to Christ's call to care for the poor, not just poor individuals, but poor nations as well. Christ's command to care for the poor *"means also to care for the nations that are crushed by the forces of history and live under the burden of being ignored and rejected by the international community."* Such insight led Nouwen to a deep desire to stay faithful to the people of Ukraine.

If you are interested in seeing the Ukrainian conflict through a different lens, I highly recommend "Ukraine Diary". While written 30 years ago it provides insights into the political, social, and spiritual mindset of the people of Ukraine today. As Nouwen's close friend and fellow traveler, Archbishop Borys Gudziak, states in the book's introduction, *"Henri visited the land of Ukraine in its nativity. Now, in the minds of many, it is being born again. This advent, marked by pain and blood, is transforming the world."* Nouwen's "Ukraine Diary" is a timely and prophetic book. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have!



Deacon Mark

From the Pastor's Desk

I wanted to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart to those who donated to the "Seal the Deal" Campaign. Because of your generous donations St. Paul's was able to re-seal our parking lot.

We would also like to thank B & M Paving for a job well done. Not only does our parking lot look much nicer but the re-sealing also keeps our parking lot from disintegrating during the winter months which creates pot holes etc.

"We are not a team because we work together, we are a team because we respect, trust, and care for each other"

Fr. Paul

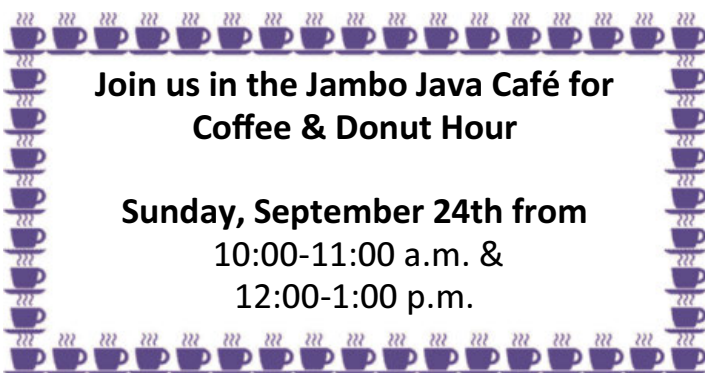
Second Collection

On the weekend of September 16 & 17 there will be a second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting community-controlled, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, four life-changing community organizations are being funded with major CCHD national grants! They include a farmworker organization, a workers' center, a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester, and a refugee organization.

In support of this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Catholic Campaign for Human Development" in the memo. Thank you for your support.

Together In Grief

The third Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. in the Music Room, will continue to be the Together in Grief meetings. The first meeting on September 21st will be *What Grief Looks Like*. Grief is different for everyone. We'll discuss the many ways it can be manifested in ourselves and others.



**Join us in the Jambo Java Café for
Coffee & Donut Hour**

**Sunday, September 24th from
10:00-11:00 a.m. &
12:00-1:00 p.m.**

School of Religion SOR 2023-2024

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

It's time to register your child/children in grades K-7 for SOR.

Please register as soon as possible so we can have materials and supplies ready for your children.

Information and registration are on our website under the Faith Formation tab. Registration forms can also be found on the bulletin board across from the parish office.

Please keep in mind, that registration for Sacraments will begin soon. More information will be available on the website under the Sacraments tab.

For questions or more information contact Anselm or Helen:

anselm.mesue@dor.org
helen.stirpe@dor.org

The Chosen Series

We will continue to watch and discuss *The Chosen Series*. This year we'll be examining season two. The first episode of season two entitled *Thunder*, will be viewed Thursday, September 28th at 11:00 a.m. in rooms 7 & 8.

(Please Note: Most episodes will be watched the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. unless specified.)



I'm Back!

St. Paul's

Fall Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

Friday, October 13

4:00 to 6:00 PM

(or until sold out)

\$15 per dinner, cash or check only

Dinner includes: 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes, coleslaw, roll & butter

Drive through only



**IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE
WHOSE LIVES WERE LOST**

Everyday Stewardship

I have to smile when I read in St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I smile because I know that in today's world few people owe nothing to anyone. We have credit card debt, mortgages, student loans, car loans, and new loans to consolidate old loans. It would seem that we actually owe everything to everyone.

These debts are of this world. I am pretty sure no one residing in heaven is still making mortgage payments. We have created contracts in this world to make possible certain transactions of goods, services, and shelter. But there is one thing that we naturally owe one another and that lasts longer than our time on earth: love.

You do not need to take out a loan to have more love to give. There also is no limit to the love you have been given to share. However, it is the one gift that we sometimes treat with the least respect. We hold back love due to sins of pride, prejudice, and apathy. We distort and manipulate love for our own gain and selfish desires. We can find ourselves placing more importance on the things for which we have taken out loans than the love that is eternal.

I am trying the best I can to get to a point where I no longer owe anything to banks and mortgage lenders. I don't want to leave this world owing anyone for the earthly things I had in this life. But even more importantly, I realize the shame it would be to leave people behind that didn't get enough love from me. There is nothing greater than love.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications

From the John Walsh Library

Rivers, Francine

Unashamed

**(One of the unlikely women
who changed eternity)**

This is the second novella in the Lineage of Grace series, works of historical fiction based on the Bible that portray five women whom God chose to play a key role in the lineage of Jesus Christ. Each woman faced extraordinary challenges and took great personal risks to fulfill her calling. They were not perfect and yet God used them in His plan to bring forth Christ, the Savior of the world. *Unashamed* is the story of Rehab, a prostitute from Jericho who was instrumental in bringing about its destruction. She was exploited by men, but she held fast to her faith in an all-powerful God. She eventually fell in love and married; her marriage was the beginning of a bloodline that yielded King David and ultimately, Jesus. (Call No. FIC-RIV)

Confirmation Prep Registration

Registration for the Confirmation Preparation Program at St Paul's Church is now open. Confirmation preparation in the Diocese of Rochester is a two-year formation program that begins in 8th grade and is geared at helping the candidates in their faith development as well as helping them to understand the basic teachings of the Catholic Church. Any potential candidate can begin the program later than 8th grade.

The instructional content includes: an understanding of Confirmation as a Sacrament of Initiation with special connections to Baptism and First Eucharist; an understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the individual and of the Church; a greater awareness of the person of Jesus Christ and his teachings as found in Scripture; an understanding of the importance of social justice; an understanding of the Catholic Church: its Divine origin, sacraments, doctrines, history and hierarchical structure; an understanding of the moral teachings of the Catholic Church including the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes; an understanding of the structure of the Mass and the manner for participating in it; an understanding of prayer and its importance in our lives; a working knowledge of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*; an understanding of Christian vocations.

To register, you may complete the form on the website: Confirmation/St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church (stpaulsrcc.org) or you may collect the Confirmation registration form on the Bulletin Board across from the parish office. The fee is \$50 per candidate. Payments can be made in checks payable to St Paul Parish, memo: Confirmation or in cash at the parish office. If you have any questions, contact Anselm Mesue during the weekend Masses or via email anselm.mesue@dor.org or via phone 671-2100 x27.

Ministry Schedule for September 16 & 17, 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
Acolytes	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Cantors	Cindy Rutan	TBD	TBD
EMHC	Sue Dettman Bob Frank	Margaret Milner TBD	Cindy Ottina Fred Compertore
Greeters	Julie Shick Forest Shick	Jack Black DA Hutnick	Nancy Willard Anne LaClair
Lectors	TBD	TBD	TBD
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Irene Dragt	Turner family	Sharyn LiPari
Stream Team	John Kosel	Lou Rotundo	Tom Napoli
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

School of Religion Needs You!

Have you been looking for a ministry that would allow you to share your faith and help guide children in their Catholic faith formation? St. Paul's School of Religion (SOR) is in need of Catechists (a person of faith who leads others in understanding the faith teachings). Sunday classes are from 10:00-11:00 a.m., September 2023 through May 2024. No experience required. Full support provided with materials and teaching guides. Prayerfully consider joining this ministry to help continue the desire of children to learn about The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Anselm or Helen at: anselm.mesue@dor.org or helen.stirpe@dor.org



Bethany House September 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.

St. Paul's Men's Retreat Weekend September 22-24

Spend a weekend with men from St. Paul's at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY. We will discover how to approach the future with great hope!

Retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday morning. The retreat offers a wonderful opportunity to take a break from every day life and focus on faith and fellowship.

For more information contact, Dan Milner :
585-208-6631 or visit notredameretreat.org



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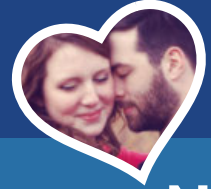
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