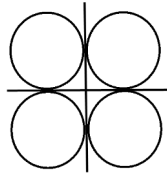


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

September 13, 2026 Twenty-Fourth 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.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had
pity on your fellow servant,
as I had pity on you?”
- Mt 18:33-35

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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, September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
 8:30A Mass with anointing
 12:00P Rosary Group
 6:00P Parish Pastoral Council mtg.

Wednesday, September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:00P bible Study

Thursday, September 17
Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 11:00A Together in Grief mtg.
 3:00P Finance Council mtg.

Friday, September 18
Weekday
St. Paul's Men's Retreat Weekend at Notre Dame Retreat House
 No Mass

Saturday, September 12
Weekday
2nd Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development
St. Paul's Men's Retreat Weekend at Notre Dame Retreat House
 10:00A Prayer Shawl
 2:00P Confession
 4:00P Mass

Sunday, September 13
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Paul's Men's Retreat Weekend at Notre Dame Retreat House
Catechetical Sunday
 9:00A Mass-Catechist blessing
 10:00A SOR Catechist mtg.
 11:00A Mass-Choir sings

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Financial Snapshot

	July 2026	
Collections	\$53,253	
Donations/ other revenue	\$6,250	
Expenses	\$58,670	
Operating surplus/deficit	\$823	

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
PJ Lajoie	Cydney Blong
Tom Weisenreder	Michael J. Desiato
Mason Serrano	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	Angelina Price
Christina Vozzo	Zach Bartlett



This week the
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 Judy Cornell
 from
 Family

Seeds for the Journey

I will be away the week of September 21-26 to attend the beatification of Fulton Sheen in St. Louis, to help listen to confessions and participate in the thanksgiving Mass at Peoria Diocese celebrated by our Bishop John Bonnici on Friday.

Fulton Sheen's beatification is on September 24 in St. Louis presided over by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Pro-Prefect of Dicastery for Evangelization representing Pope Leo XIV. Pope Leo recalls longtime National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, Fulton Sheen as, a "light of faith, hope, and love."

Born to an Irish family in El Paso Illinois, on May 8, 1895 and died on December 9, 1979 at the age of 84. Sheen discovered his call to the priesthood at the age of 24 and was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Peoria in 1919. He became a Bishop on June 11, 1951. He served as the Bishop of Rochester from 1966-1969. St. Paul's Parish was founded in 1967 under his Episcopal leadership (see his letter to Fr. John Walsh on Page 4 and stay tuned for more details as we prepare to celebrate the 60th anniversary next year). A gifted speaker, writer and teacher, Sheen's homilies were appreciated by many. He hosted weekly radio and television series, "Life is Worth Living," on matters of faith, Mary, the Eucharist and more that attracted millions of viewers and listeners. He recorded cassettes for retreats. He wrote 66 books and some are in our John Walsh library. Sheen served as the Pontifical Mission Societies-US National Director from 1950 to 1966. He had a great love and left an impressive legacy for missions. He designed the World Mission Rosary to help Catholics pray for missionaries, for their evangelizing work and for missionary vocations. Each decade of rosary is a different color, to symbolize and foster prayer for the fruit of the missions.

Green Beads: Represent the forests and grasslands of Africa.

Blue Beads: Represent the ocean surrounding the islands of the Pacific.

White Beads: Represent Europe, symbolizing the seat of the Holy Father.

Red Beads: Represent the Americas, symbolizing the fire of faith brought by missionaries.

Yellow Beads: Represent the morning light of the East symbolizing Asia.

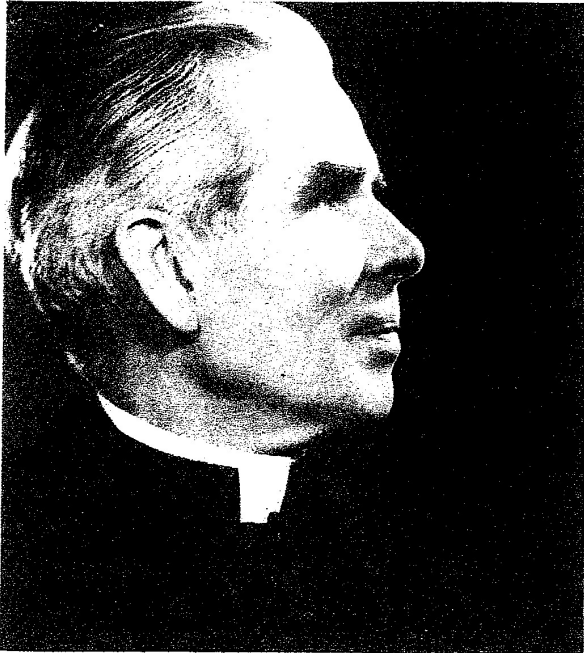
The World Mission Rosary is a good opportunity for us to focus on praying this great Marian Devotion for the missions especially in the month of October.

Blessed Archbishop Sheen can become our powerful intercessor, as we learn his saving miracle of the life of James Fulton Engstrom, who didn't breath for the first 61 minutes after stillbirth on September 16, 2010. His mother, Bonnie immediately began praying for the intercession of Fulton Sheen, to whom she had been praying during her pregnancy. Born at home, the child, James was rushed to the hospital and doctors determined he could not be revived. 61 minutes after his heart began to beat and he made a full recovery. Today he is a normal 15 year old. This is a miracle since there was no medical explanation for his survival. Rooted in a daily holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament and deeply united to the suffering of the Church, Sheen's life remains a powerful witness to what it means to be united in Jesus as a missionary disciple.

We are invited to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester on Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. for a special Mass to receive the relic of Blessed Fulton Sheen.

Let us pray through Sheen for our own needs and for another miracle to pave the way for his canonization into a Saint. For me, the best Fulton Sheen quote is: "You are infinitely precious because you are loved by God."

Fr. Paul



Our Bishop's Message

THE MOST REVEREND FULTON J. SHEEN, D.D., Ph.D.
Bishop of Rochester

Diocese of Rochester

88 CHESTNUT STREET • ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14601

November 8, 1968

Rev. John T. Walsh
St. Paul's Church
Box 176
Webster, New York 14580

Dear Father Walsh:

You were the first pastor appointed to begin a new parish after my coming to Rochester. The progress made so far has made me realize that the goodness of our Catholic people is always somewhat hidden. Ordinarily only part of their kindness shows on the surface. But let a challenge be given to them, such as building a new parish and their hidden generosity is drawn forth by the warm sun of charity and comes to the surface.

No doubt exists but that the outpouring of sacrifice in your parish has been inspired by your own exceptional spiritual leadership which is so much in keeping with the spirit of Vatican II.

Not to be forgotten is that special sweet charity you and your people have known in the kindness of Mrs. Merlyn Sweet who has so generously responded to the challenge given by you, Father Walsh.

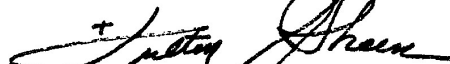
St. Paul is a beautiful example of how much more the faithful are united when they build up rather than when they tear down! How easy it is to make sacrifices when we love!

Your new parish is a cameo of Christ in the world, the place where His Truth is preached, His Life is communicated and His Love is diffused.

Quoting your patron, "I pray that the God of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the all-glorious Father will give you spiritual wisdom and the insight to know more of Him...and how tremendous is the Power available to us who believe in God".

With every tendril of affection of my heart weaving about your holy purposes, I remain always,

Your servant in Christ Jesus


Bishop of Rochester

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Restock the Backpack Shelves!

School will be back in session before you know it and Good Sam Outreach would like to help restock the Backpack donation shelves. Last year they distributed 3,293 bags of food over 36 weeks to our 7 Webster elementary schools. The items in the bags vary from 5 to 8 and they also provide snack boxes to the schools. Thanks to donations collected by churches like ours, local organizations and individuals the value of food distributed was over \$12,000!

We will collect donations from:
September 19 through 27.

Suggested donations include:

- * **Peanut Butter & Jelly (plastic jars)**
- * **Canned fruit, soups, pastas (ravioli)**
- * **Spaghetti sauce and pasta**
- * **Granola bars**
- * **Small snack bags (Goldfish, pretzels, crackers, etc.)**
- * **Instant Oatmeal & small cereal boxes**
- * **Mac & Cheese**
- * **Tuna fish**

Thanks in advance for any help you are able to give!!!

Grief Support Group

St. Paul's is blessed to have a wonderful bereavement support group. "Together in Grief" meets on the third Thursday of each month. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited to attend our next meeting on Thursday, September 17 at 11:00 a.m. in the Music Room. All are welcome.

Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend, Sept. 19 & 20, there will be a second collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting grassroots, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, many life-changing community organizations have been funded with major CCHD national grants. They included a refugee organization, a small enterprise that provided employment to women in addiction recovery, and a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester.

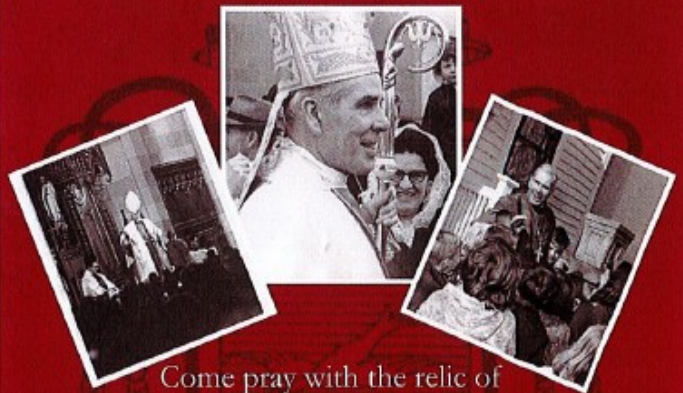
In support of this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Catholic Campaign for Human Development" in the memo. Thank you!

An Invitation from Bishop Bonnici



"I wanted to write to you all today to share some exciting news. Thanks to the generosity of the Diocese of Peoria and Bishop Louis Tylka, the Diocese of Rochester will be receiving a 'substantial' first-class relic of Bishop Sheen. The week after Bishop Sheen's Beatification in Saint Louis on September 24, 2026, Bishop Tylka will be visiting the Diocese of Rochester to bring us the relic. We will receive this relic in a special Mass on **Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, New York.** I cordially invite you all to join me for this special event when bishop Sheen returns to his Cathedral, our Cathedral!"

Blessed Fulton Sheen Relic Tour



Come pray with the relic of
Rochester's sixth bishop!

Locations/Dates

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL <i>Rochester</i>	ST. MARY <i>Genoa</i>
Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026, 7:00pm	Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026, 7:00pm
ST. STEPHEN <i>Genoa</i>	ST. JOSEPH <i>Penfield</i>
Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026, 7:00pm	Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026, 7:00pm
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST <i>Spencerport</i>	ST. MARY OUR MOTHER <i>Hornblow</i>
Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, 7:00pm	Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, 7:00pm
	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION <i>Lehman</i>
	Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026, 7:00pm

Ministry Schedule for September 19 & 20, 2026

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	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Kaiden Copie Volunteer Needed	Everett Burton Chris Yuskiv
Cantors	Bonnie Serio	Cindy Rutan	Bob Slon
EMHC	Cindy Ottina Sue Dettman	Mary Beth Speicher Volunteer Needed	Nancy Willard Gina McNamara
Greeters	Julie Shick Forest Shick	Jerry Healey Corey Volo	Anne Hauber Nancy Willard
Lectors	Barb Robbins	Josephine Cozzo	Kay Vargo
Linens	Karen Napoli No specific time for pick up		
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St. Paul's Men's Retreat

Join us next weekend, September 18-20 at Note Dame Retreat House for St. Paul's Annual Men's Retreat.

Both a description of who we are and a call to become who God created us to be, "Holy and Beloved" is a retreat to inspire our desire for continued growth in holiness. Following the examples of holy men and women, we seek to clothe ourselves in those qualities that embody a life of virtue. If you are unable to attend on this date Note Dame Retreat House offers is also offering Men to join the October 16-18 retreat. If you would like more information or to register, please contact St. Paul's Representative, Dan Milner by calling 208-6631.

Rochester Hope September Wish List

Cereal, canned meat or fish,
soup (pop top or dry), peanut butter, jelly,
single wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste,
diapers sizes 4, 5 & 6, baby wipes,
bar soap, & sugar

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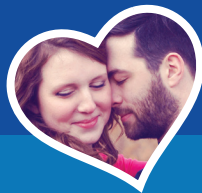
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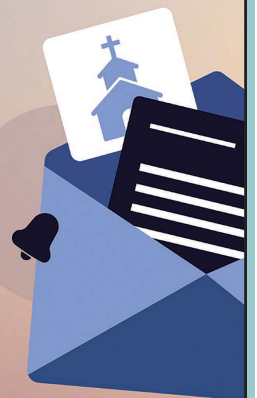
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